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Chechnya Rebels Face 'War Without Limits'

Fighting Intensifies as Russian Forces Near the Breakaway Enclave's Capital

By Lee Hockstader
Washington Post Service

SLITSOVSKAYA CROSSROADS. Russia — In the three years since communism's collapse, Russia has stepped into a number of wars on its periphery — some quick and brutal, as in Moldova, others drawn-out and tangled, as in Tajikistan. All have been small conflicts of relatively low intensity, until this week.

Russia's thrust into the breakaway region of Chechnya is a wholly different kind of war. Here, the full fury of one of the world's mightiest armies is bearing down from three sides on a tiny, land-locked enclave.

It is a frightening spectacle. A visit Tuesday to areas near the fighting on Chechnya's western front made it clear that Moscow was pulling no punches in ending the rebel region's three-year-old claim to independence.

As assault helicopters raced low overhead to avoid ground fire, long columns of light tanks, artillery pieces and armored personnel carriers rumbled toward the Chechen border, about 10 kilometers (six miles) away. Many of the Russian troops wore ski masks over their faces against the cold.

"It's a disaster," said Musa Aushov, 30, a factory worker who fled the Chechen capital, Grozny. "This is war without limits."

For now, the Russian strategy is apparently to lock Grozny in a stranglehold and force the Chechens to negotiate under the barrel of a gun. The Chechens, for all their bravado and defiance, are unlikely to be able to hold out for long against a full-scale Russian assault on the city of 400,000.

While the Russians are capable of storming Grozny, they may not be able to do so without inflicting huge casualties, including civilian deaths and injuries. That would have a perhaps unbearably high cost at home, where it would enrage Russians across the political spectrum and inflame the already hostile, unsettled Caucasus region.

Abroad, a bloodbath in Chechnya would likely do severe damage to Moscow's image, despite public statements from Western leaders that Chechnya is Russia's internal affair.

On Tuesday, war planes streaked high in the air on their way to Grozny against a backdrop of jagged mountains. Fires were seen burning on hillsides that had been hit by artillery or rocket rounds.

From the front came the sound of enormous explosions and the crackle of small arms fire, as well as reports that the Russians were steadily pushing their way through Chechen defenses in heavy fighting. Helicopters bearing wounded Russian



Chechen fighters hiding under a bridge Tuesday near Grozny to avoid shelling by advancing Russian troops.

Italy's Crisis Deepens as Berlusconi Faces Judges

He's Questioned 7 Hours On Bribery Allegations; Coalition Is Weakening

By Alan Cowell
New York Times Service

ROME — With their land awash in crisis, Italians confronted their latest drama Tuesday as Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi spent more than seven hours under interrogation by magistrates who suspect him of corruption.

Mr. Berlusconi was questioned in Milan about whether he knew of money paid to the tax police by executives of his huge and indebted Fininvest empire on three occasions between 1989 and 1991, before he entered politics. The length of the interrogation suggested that magistrates were pressing the prime minister to confront and explain what they say is evidence of sufficient gravity to warrant their suspicions.

In a statement issued by his office to news agencies after the interview, Mr. Berlusconi said the investigation "is based, incredibly, on a theory devoid of any firm evidence."

"There are no witnesses," the statement said, "nor any other valid items of documentary proof." It called the allegations "totally arbitrary deductions."

Mr. Berlusconi added that he "firmly intended not to give up the task" of governing Italy.

He earlier protested his innocence in a front-page letter published in *Il Sole-24 Ore* that took a swipe at the growing ranks of his enemies, including the big-business elite that he left for politics last January.

"I am going to be questioned with my head held high and certain to the core that I'm right," the letter declared in what seemed a further sortie in the prime minister's unfolding battle for political survival.

"I have never corrupted anybody, never and not in any way," the letter said, echoing previous statements in which Mr. Berlusconi has sworn his innocence on the heads of his children. But the very spectacle of a prime minister under interrogation seemed certain to fuel calls from both the opposition and members of his own coalition for his exit from office.

Since Italy's best-known anti-graft investigator, Antonio Di Pietro, resigned last week, Mr. Berlusconi's woes have expanded.

His two principal coalition partners — the Northern League and the once-loyal National Alliance — are predicting a government crisis within weeks. Economic reform programs have slipped badly, and the country's currency and bond markets are under fierce attack by traders sensing a government collapse.

Deepening a sense of crisis within the judiciary, one of the country's most senior appeals court judges, Arnaldo Valentini, quit Monday to protest accusations by newspapers and politicians that he favored Mr. Berlusconi in his handling of a key corruption case.

Magistrates in Milan and Palermo, moreover, are in open revolt against what they call political interference by the justice minister, Alfredo Biondi, who has sent inspectors to scour their offices for evidence of improprieties in their crusades against corruption and the Mafia.

Even the Pope has urged a return to the Roman Catholic-dominated politics of the postwar era, when the Christian Democrats ruled supreme.

And Mr. Berlusconi's exchanges with his adversaries are becoming ever more acerbic. When he called Italy's political theater a farce, the Northern League leader, Umberto Bossi, shot back that if it was

Castro, 'Last Rebel,' Warms to New Rapport With Washington

By Tim Golden and Larry Rohter
New York Times Service

HAVANA — The Summit of the Americas had just ended in Miami, and President Bill Clinton and his counterparts from 33 other countries were heading triumphantly home. At a long table in the Palace of the Revolution in Havana, the man not invited, Fidel Castro, argued that Cuba's exclusion had been their loss, not his.

"If the summit of Miami was a great show, it would have been a better show if I had been there," he said, grinning through the beard.

"We are the last rebels," he said of his Communist government. "That was no meeting for rebels."

Three weeks before the Cuban revolution is to celebrate its 36th anniversary, Mr. Castro, 68, was looking a little older and perhaps feeling a little more isolated than he was willing to let on. But if that worried him, he was making an accomplished effort not to let it show.

Yes, he acknowledged during a four-hour dinner conversation in Spanish with representatives of *The New York Times*, he has real reservations about the market-oriented reforms his government has undertaken to save an economy devastated by the collapse of the Soviet bloc. It pained him to sign some of those contracts for joint ventures with foreign companies.

But if he is not willing to turn Cuba into a Western-

style democracy, he said, he recognizes that the world economy has changed. "I am not a great fan of capitalism," he said. "But I am a realist."

To hear him tell it, Mr. Castro was more worried about Bill Clinton.

How is it that American voters have shown so little mercy toward their president last month, he wanted to know early in the conversation; the young Democrat had seemed to have such an attractive social agenda as a candidate. Now, so quickly, the Republicans and their traditional antagonism toward Cuba seem to be back, and strong.

Mr. Castro skipped past the fact that even as a candidate, Mr. Clinton ardently supported a tighten-

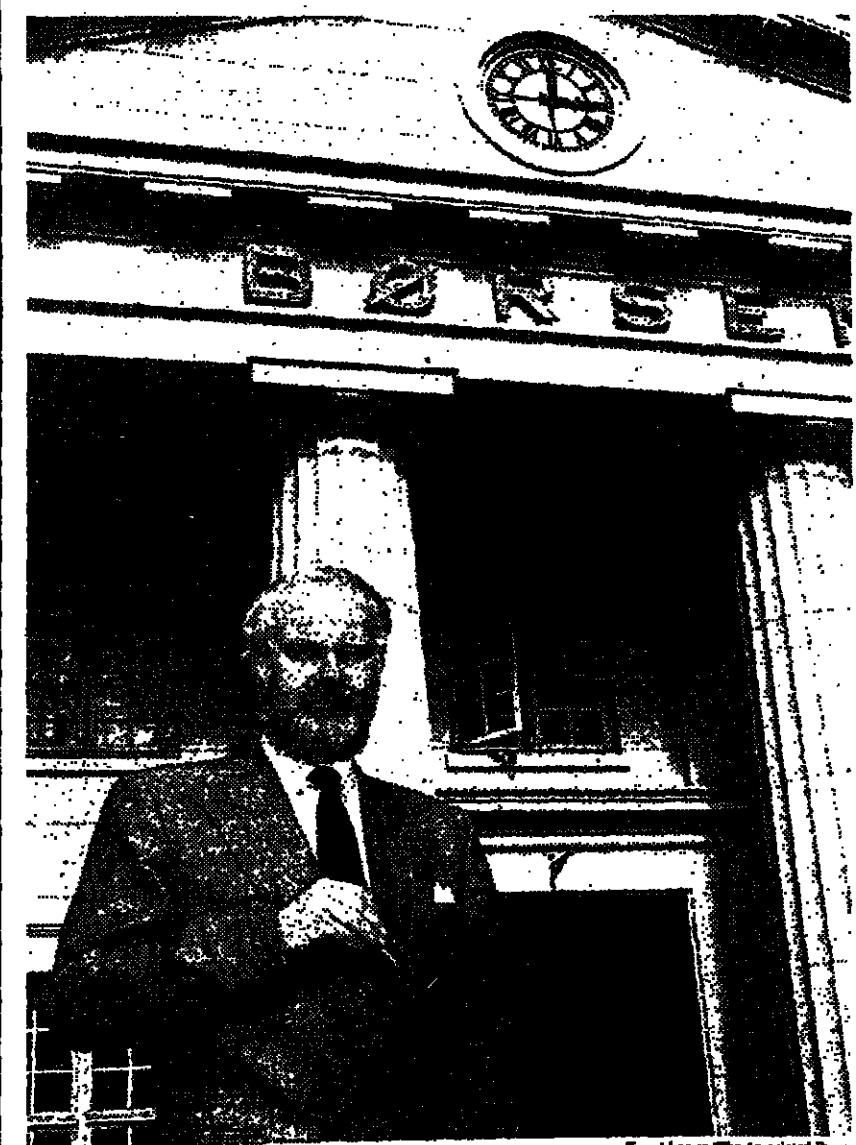
ing of the longstanding embargo against Cuba. Nor did he say much about the further sanctions that Mr. Clinton imposed in angry reprisal for the flood of more than 30,000 refugees whom Mr. Castro let go after political tension rose here this summer.

"The Chinese wanted Bush to win," he recalled. "The Russians wanted Bush to win. The Mexicans wanted Bush to win." Cuba's political isolation, Mr. Castro suggested, goes so far as to include rooting for Mr. Clinton.

"We hope that he will be successful," he said.

What counsel Mr. Castro might have taken on this subject was probably present in the cavernous dining

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DEATH IN NORWAY — Erik Jarve, who was dismissed Monday as director of the Oslo Stock Exchange after allegations of financial improprieties, was found drowned Tuesday, in an apparent suicide. Page 13.

Exports and Jobs Keep America on a Roll

By Peter Passell
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The U.S. economic recovery just keeps on going and going. In spite of tax increases, sharp rises in interest rates and widespread skepticism that Washington will be able to put its fiscal house in order, rapid growth continues unabated. Unemployment has dropped to its lowest level in four years.

Indeed, as the Federal Reserve chairman told Congress, "there is very little evidence throughout this economy of any degree of slowdown."

The chairman, Alan Greenspan, who only a little more than a year ago was complaining of powerful forces holding back the economy, added last week that "the 50-mile-an-hour headwinds have disappeared" and that the real worry now is inflation.

What is powering this juggernaut? Why were most forecasters, who as recently as this summer were predicting a much leaner expansion and higher unemployment, so far off target? Most important, can the good times last?

Two explanations for the unexpected boom stand out.

For one, many consumers — who as recently as last year were mostly worried about keeping their jobs — are spending with abandon. Now, with about three million jobs added to the economy this year, some of the anxiety about employment prospects has eased.

And disposable income, after falling for several years running, shows signs of starting to turn up. The result? "Big-ticket buying has blown through every benchmark," said Stephen S. Roach, an economist at Morgan Stanley.

Even more important, America's trading partners are coming out of their own recessions, and the surprisingly weak U.S. dollar has made American goods an irresistible bargain on world markets.

"Exports explain the difference between an O.K. recovery and a blockbuster," said Robert Mellman, an economist at Morgan Guaranty Trust.

As recently as this summer, most forecasters were predicting that unemployment would bottom out at 6 percent in the fall and economic growth would slip below 2 percent in the last quarter of 1994. Instead, unemployment is down to 5.6 percent and fourth-quarter growth is now expected to exceed 4 percent.

But can the good times keep rolling on? The forecasters' coin has been debased in the last year. Nonetheless, predictions of a

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U.S. Warns Europe: Ease Computer Tariffs

By Tom Buerkle
International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — In a sign that trade tensions are going high-tech, the United States threatened to slap duties on \$3 billion worth of European exports on Tuesday unless Europe eased tariffs on American semiconductors, computer parts and other items.

The threat, made in a letter from Trade Representative Mickey Kantor to the European Union's trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, met with a chilly response in Brussels. One EU official criticized Mr. Kantor as "a bit heavy-handed" and said that although the Union was willing to offer tariff relief, it would not necessarily come in areas demanded by Washington.

"A little quiet diplomacy would serve U.S. interests better," the official said.

The dispute stems from the need of Sweden, Finland and Austria, all relatively free traders, to adopt EU tariff levels when they enter the bloc on Jan. 1. That will mean a big jump on semiconductors and computer parts. Austria and Finland let those goods in duty-free, and Sweden imposes tariffs of 2.3 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively. But the Union imposes tariffs of up to 14 percent on chip imports and 4.4 percent on computer parts.

Such a shift would threaten big business on both sides. Companies like Intel, Texas Instruments and Motorola export more than \$1 billion worth of chips, parts and other electronic goods to Sweden, Finland and Austria. The adoption of EU rules would impose new tariffs of more than \$100 million.

Those items, in turn, are vital components in some of the three countries' most

modern and competitive exports, including cellular telephones and personal computers made by Finland's Nokia and Sweden's Ericsson.

Per Akerberg, head of EU affairs for Ericsson in Brussels, said higher tariffs would raise costs or delay the introduction of new products using the latest chip technology, both bad for Ericsson's competitiveness.

"If they raise tariffs on Jan. 1 without negotiating with us, they will be doing so completely outside of the GATT," the world trade regulatory body, a U.S. trade official said. Rules under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade would allow Washington to raise "substantially equivalent" tariffs, he said, a threat that

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Philippines All Abuzz as Aquino Daughter Trumpets Her Love Child

By William Branigin
Washington Post Service

MANILA — Young actress meets older actor on movie set. Sparks fly during love scenes. Hormones rage. Romance blooms. They quietly set up housekeeping together in luxury condo. Then she drops bomb-

shell, announces pregnancy on national television.

Complication: He not only is more than 20 years her senior but is still married with three children by estranged wife. What's more, he is known as a serial philanderer and has at least one other child by a long-time live-in partner.

This scenario would hardly raise an eyebrow in Hollywood. But this is the Philippines, the only Roman Catholic country in Asia, and the actress in question is Kris Aquino, the youngest of former President Corason C. Aquino's five children.

Thus, the revelation by Miss Aquino, 23, that she is three months pregnant by Philip Salvador, 43, scandalized Filipinos and presented the former president, a devout Catholic, with a moral dilemma. Thanks in

large part to the power of the church, divorce is banned here, and legal annulments of marriages can be time-consuming.

For the Philippines, the prospect of an unwed mother in the former first family is especially awkward at a time when the nation is preparing for a visit next month by Pope John Paul II.

It is also ironic. During her turbulent presidency, from 1986 to 1992, Mrs. Aquino followed the church's dictates against birth control and gutted the country's family-planning program.

Since leaving office, she has sided with Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Philippines' Roman Catholic primate, in his dispute over birth control with the government of her chosen successor, President Fidel V. Ra-

mos. In August, Mrs. Aquino appeared with Cardinal Sin at a large rally to protest a United Nations population conference in Cairo and denounce the Ramos government's family-planning methods as "intrinsically evil."

She even joined the cardinal in publicly burning a replica of the Cairo conference's draft program of action.

Her daughter announced on a television talk show Monday night that she and Mr. Salvador were living together — over her mother's strenuous objections — and that she was due to give birth in June. She said she would fly to the United States with the actor next week and return to Manila in January.

The disclosure prompted a spokeswoman for the former president to confirm a

rift between the two Aquinos. Miss Aquino moved out of the family home more than a month ago and has not been on speaking terms with her mother since then, said the spokeswoman, Deedee Sytango.

Mrs. Aquino, she said, "believes in the sanctity of marriage." Miss Sytango acknowledged "a falling out" between mother and daughter and said that the two had had "no communication" since Miss Aquino moved out.

The couple's travel plans sparked speculation that Mr. Salvador planned to divorce his wife in the United States and tie the knot with Miss Aquino. But such a divorce and remarriage would not be legally recognized in the Philippines, since an

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Klosk Franc Stumbles Over Politics

The French franc fell Tuesday to its lowest point against the Deutsche mark since Dec. 2, 1993, after Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, said Sunday that he would not run for president of France. Mr. Delors is a champion of closer European union.

"Delors was seen as the franc fort's best ally," said Tim Fix, a currency analyst with Credit Suisse in London. The strong franc policy involved pegging the franc to the mark and shadowing Germany's interest rates.

Traders in Paris said there was no sign of intervention on Tuesday by the Bank of France. (Page 11)

Book Review		Page 10.	
Dow Jones	Down 3.03	Trib Index	Up 0.02%
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The Dollar			
New York	1.5729	Previous close	1.5733
DM	1.56		1.5648
Pound	100.285		99.985
Yen	5.418		5.408

Newsstand Prices	
Andorra	9.00 FF
Antilles	11.20 FF
Armenia	1.40 CFA
Egypt	5.00 E.P.
France	9.00 FF
Gabon	9.00 CFA
Greece	300 Dr.
Italy	2.60 Lire
Ivory Coast	1.120 CFA
Jordan	1 JD
Lebanon	U.S.S. 1.50
Luxembourg	40 L. Fr
Morocco	12 Dh
Qatar	8.00 Riels
Réunion	11.20 FF
Saudi Arabia	9.00 R.
Senegal	9.00 CFA
Spain	200 Ptas
Tunisia	1,000 Din
Turkey	35,000 L.
U.A.E.	8.50 Dirh
U.S. Mil. (Eur.)	\$1.10

A Million Refugees Later, Zairian City Gets Its Breath Back

By Donatella Lorch
New York Times Service

GOMA, Zaire — A decade ago, this was an idyllic resort town of charming whitewashed villas lining the shores of Lake Kivu in eastern Zaire. Tourists came to see the mountain gorillas, to hike in the tropical forests, and to visit the Mountains of the Moon, an area of extinct and active volcanoes.

Though in the last few years the place looked increasingly run down, Goma thrived on the exportation of vegetables, beef, coffee, smuggled gold and stolen cars.

But life changed radically in July as more than a million Rwandan refugees fleeing civil war stampeded through town. Soon, hundreds were dying of cholera in the streets. Those who survived changed the look of the city, chopping down the trees for firewood and trampling the flowers. Then came hundreds of relief workers and thousands of Zairian troops, and Goma turned into a ramshackle, tired, muddy city.

But if business stopped temporarily at the height of the refugee crisis, the Zairian and foreign residents here have now adapted to their new environment. Today, Goma is an example of the Zairian entrepreneurial spirit, even if the streets are strewn with garbage, the shops regu-

larly looted by Zairian soldiers, the police corrupt and the atmosphere tense because of the huge refugee presence on its outskirts.

"In July and August, we couldn't work," said Philippe Falesse, a Belgian who was born and raised in Goma and now owns a coffee company and a private plane company here. "The city was completely paralyzed. Now we are doing business again."

Built in the 1930s under Belgian colonial rule, with its oldest buildings like Swiss chalets, Goma and its twin city, Gisenye, across the border in Rwanda, became a favorite resort town of wealthy Zairians, other Africans and European tourists. About 200,000 Zairians now live in the district, most of them farmers cultivating beans and coffee and raising beef cattle, which are exported by air to Kinshasa, the capital, and other cities.

Goma is surrounded by awesomely beautiful scenery, from the huge expanse of Lake Kivu to striking twin volcanoes, which are still active. They have repeatedly erupted in the last decades. Most recently in 1977 when the Nyiragongo volcano's lava flow stopped just short of the airport. Volcanologists predict another eruption in the near future that could spew ash and lava. Every night, the sky glows red around Nyiragongo's crater.

As in the rest of Zaire, only the private sector works here. There is no central phone system, the national bank is open but does not do any business, electricity and running water are sporadic at best. There are no roads between here and the capital, and only a few hundred miles of passable roads in eastern Zaire linking Goma to other towns.

But there are about eight private plane companies that commute daily to Kinshasa, Kisangani and other main cities, and a car wash to get rid of the mud from the potholes. In Goma, businessmen carry cellular phones, leased from a private company. Houses have electrical generators. More than 100 money changers patrol the main, rotten street, the women sitting on lawn chairs, elegantly dressed, the men running after any car that slows down. Six-inch-thick wads of 500-zaire notes quickly change hands.

There are bars and discos. One restaurant imports fresh frog legs, fresh strawberries and fresh shrimp, flown in daily from Kenya. The local grocery store stocks Belgian sugar, chocolate hazelnut spread, Scottish salmon, Chivas Regal and Beaujolais.

But the war across the border has also changed the city's rhythms as trade with Rwanda has come to a standstill. All car and plane fuel, once

trucked in through Rwanda, now has to be trucked in along the longer route from Uganda.

The increase in Zairian troops, who are badly paid and aggressive, has meant an increase in looting, stealing and bribery. Zairian soldiers at the airport openly approach foreigners for bribes, and drivers routinely pay off soldiers. Afraid of the soldiers, shopkeepers keep a limited amount of goods in their stores and the rest hidden in their homes.

"At night some shopkeepers even empty their stores of their merchandise," said Donat Habiriyemwe, 35, a Rwandan who has done business in Zaire for more than a decade. "There is much more insecurity and crime now."

The influx of refugees, huge amounts of dollars and free relief food has brought with it economic disruption. Farmers have been hurt as market food prices have gone down. In Goma, rents have skyrocketed.

Some try to make the most of the Rwandan crisis. Local entrepreneurs sell boom boxes, electronic gadgets and used French dictionaries on the street, part of Rwanda's loot. And the governor of Goma asked the UN refugee agency for some of the blue plastic sheeting it hands out to refugees to cover their huts. He needed it for his garage.

WORLD BRIEFS

Grenade Suspected in 747 Explosion

TOKYO (AP) — The police found pieces of black plastic in the body of a Japanese businessman killed by an explosion aboard a Philippine Airlines jetliner, indicating a plastic grenade could have caused the blast, according to a report from the Kyodo news agency.

Investigators believe that the explosive was wrapped in a life jacket under the victim's seat, according to the report. The body also bore gunpowder traces, the agency said. Officials in charge of the investigation were not immediately available to comment on the report, the police said.

In a statement Tuesday, the airline said investigations showed that a mechanical trouble was not the cause of the explosion on Sunday's flight to Tokyo from Cebu. Six passengers were injured by the blast, which ripped a hole into the Boeing 747 jumbo jet's floor, exposing its cargo area. The plane, which had 273 passengers and 20 crew members on board, was at 33,000 feet when the blast occurred. It landed safely on Okinawa.

Filipinos Denounce Terror Group

ISABELA, Philippines (AP) — About 10,000 Muslims and Christians rallied Tuesday on Basilan Island to protest a Muslim fringe group responsible for numerous bombings, killings and kidnappings.

Government, military, Muslim and Roman Catholic church leaders led a march to denounce the Abu Sayyaf fundamentalist group.

The demonstrators burned 20 letters from Abu Sayyaf demanding 20,000 to 50,000 pesos (\$330 to \$2,075) for protection of businesses. Abu Sayyaf had threatened to disrupt the protest, and about 500 soldiers and police, some of them on rooftops, kept watch around the town square.

China Jails 6 in Fatal Factory Fire

HONG KONG (Reuters) — China imposed stiff jail sentences on Tuesday on six people judged responsible for a devastating factory blaze in southern Guangdong Province last year.

A court in Shenzhen jailed two fire officials, Wu Xinghui, for 17 years, and Li Jianzhao, for 10 years, for dereliction of duty and taking bribes over the November 1993 fire that killed 87 workers and injured 51, the China-owned New Evening Post in Hong Kong said.

The Hong Kong owner of the toy factory, Lo Kim-chuen, was given a two-year sentence for ignoring fire safety regulations. A former factory manager, Leung Kin-wook, also a Hong Kong resident, received a three-year jail term. Huang Guoguang, also a former manager of the factory, was ordered to jail for six years, and an electrician, Liu Guangwan, was sentenced to two years.

Rabin Fears Korean Nuclear Exports

TOKYO (Reuters) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel said Tuesday he feared that North Korea might export nuclear weapons or technology to Iran or Syria, according to Japanese officials.

The officials, briefing reporters after Mr. Rabin met here with Foreign Minister Yohsuke Kono and Tokimichi Tanazawa, the Defense Agency chief, said Mr. Rabin also said that North Korea had already exported Scud missiles and other military equipment to Iran, which is believed to be supporting Islamic fundamentalists in the Middle East.

Over the last two years, North Korea's refusal to allow full international inspection of its nuclear sites has prompted speculation that it harbors a secret nuclear arms program.

French Seize 42 in Cult Death Probe

PARIS (AP) — French police arrested 42 people Tuesday linked to the Order of the Solar Temple, the doomsday cult thrust into notoriety when 53 followers, many of them bound and shot, were found dead in Switzerland and Canada.

Police released few details about the operation, which was carried out by more than 100 officers in three regions of France in cooperation with Swiss authorities. Financial documents, books and videocassettes about the cult were seized.

By Tuesday evening, 20 of those arrested had been released. Among them was Christian-Marie Le Gall, a doctor who shared a medical office with Luc Jouret, the sect's late guru. Dr. Le Gall was among 15 people arrested in the Valais region of southern France. Arrests were also made in Brittany and in the Paris region, the police said.

Rocard Rejects Run for Presidency

STRASBOURG, France (Reuters) — Michel Rocard, former prime minister of France, announced Tuesday he would not run in the presidential election next year.

Mr. Rocard had been mentioned among possible Socialist candidates after the withdrawal Sunday of Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, shattered the left's hopes of retaining the presidency.

"I have already done my bit. I am waiting for a replacement," Mr. Rocard said at the European Parliament. Mr. Rocard, 64, was mentioned second to former Culture Minister Jack Lang as the voters' choice for a Socialist candidate in an opinion poll Monday.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Runway Radar Set for Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An \$8 million runway radar system designed to avert collisions like one in 1991 that killed 34 people is soon to be switched on at Los Angeles International Airport.

Until now, controllers have had to rely on what they could see from atop their 13-story tower and hear over two-way radios.

On Feb. 1, 1991, a controller erred and allowed a USAir jetliner to land on a SkyWest commuter plane that was preparing to take off. The Airport Surface Detection Equipment, tested last week and expected to be in operation by the end of January, allows controllers to see areas of the airport that previously had been hidden from their view.

The 43,000-member Air Line Pilots Association said that the safety improvements were overdue and that the third-busiest U.S. airport was still dangerous. The association has recommended that pilots worldwide be warned about the airport's safety deficiencies.

Heathrow Opens Transfer Center

LONDON (Reuters) — BAA has opened a flight connections center at London's Heathrow Airport to make things easier for international transfer passengers.

The center will allow transferring passengers to avoid going through security and check-in for a second time, BAA, which operates the airport, said in a statement on Tuesday. BAA said the center would include showers, lounges and shops.

Thirty flight attendants who say their health was damaged by secondhand smoke may expand their \$5 billion lawsuit to a class-action claim involving 60,000 airline employees after a judge in Miami on Monday approved the case for class-action status. (AP)

Israel Pushes Hard To Secure Jerusalem Neighborhoods Are Expanded In Advance of Talks With PLO

By Caryle Murphy
Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM — Driving hard to secure its hold on all of Jerusalem, Israel is expanding Jewish neighborhoods and blocking Arab construction within the city itself and in a swath of surrounding West Bank territory that Israeli officials refer to as "Greater Jerusalem."

The effort, part of Israeli policy since the eastern portion of the city was captured from Jordan in 1967 and united with the western sector, has taken on added urgency for Israel since it signed a peace agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization in September 1993.

That historic accord, which gave Yasser Arafat's PLO limited autonomy in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, also mandated Israeli-PLO negotiations on the final status of Jerusalem in 1996.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, since taking over in July 1992, has pulled back from his predecessor's huge program of building state-funded Jewish settlements in the West Bank. But he is continuing a 1993 master plan that envisions 17,000 new units of Jewish housing in and around Jerusalem by 1997, according to a government official who asked not to be named.

"Many are in construction; many are also completed," he said in an interview, adding that 8,000 of the 17,000 units would be in East Jerusalem. The goal, he added, is to ensure that there will be "no vacuum between Israeli Jerusalem and Palestinian autonomy" and to establish "a clear-cut fact that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel."

This is a sensitive issue, since Mr. Arafat has asserted that the Arab part of Jerusalem would be the capital of a future Palestinian state. Recently he gave a speech describing Palestinian flags flying over the Dome of the Rock mosque and other Muslim shrines in the city, which is sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims.

The United States, along with most of its allies, has held to a longstanding policy that Jerusalem's final status remains to be negotiated.

Israeli officials say the recent construction in and around Jerusalem does not violate a 1992 pledge to the Bush administration to decrease settlement-building because the projects

are being done by private developers, not the state, and are being carried out in areas exempt from the 1992 agreement.

But Palestinians have noted that Jewish settlements elsewhere in the West Bank are cited as one reason the Israeli government is having second thoughts about withdrawing its troops from West Bank towns on the schedule it agreed to in the accord with the PLO.

"I see a dark future," said Khalil Tufakji, a Palestinian geographer. "We have no land to build. We have no land to do anything. The Israelis are creating facts on the ground so that tomorrow, when it comes to negotiations, these facts will speak for themselves."

Fawzi Kiswani, a Palestinian, watched the process at work one sunny morning in August, when bulldozers and Israeli police arrived at his home in southeast Jerusalem. Two hours later, the house where two of his nine children were born lay in smoldering ruins.

Mr. Kiswani, a hotel kitchen steward, had built his home without a license — something that is rarely granted to Palestinians despite their urgent need for housing. Yet, across the valley and in view of the rubble of Mr. Kiswani's home, city officials recently approved "Golden Jerusalem," a new Jewish development for a multi-story hotel and 300 apartments.

Despite the withholding of building permits, the Palestinian portion of Jerusalem's population has risen from 25 percent in 1967 to about 28 percent now and is projected to reach 31 percent by 2010. Nonetheless, Mr. Tufakji estimates that 50,000 to 60,000 Palestinians have "left for the West Bank and other places because of the difficulty in building a home."

Other critics say that Israeli housing practices, which have dramatically altered the demography of East Jerusalem over the past three decades and are now changing housing patterns beyond the city limits, have sowed seeds of future conflict and violated the declared values on which the Jewish state was founded.



KITTY RESCUE — Craig Byres carrying his cat, Jinty McInty, from their flooded home in Paisley, Scotland, on Tuesday. Three people were missing and 300 homes affected in Scotland's worst flooding in more than 100 years.

Islamic States Codify Battle on Militants

Reuters

CASABLANCA, Morocco — Islamic states at a summit meeting in Casablanca adopted a code of conduct Tuesday for combating Muslim militants fighting member governments.

A resolution passed by foreign ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference also commits the states to ensuring that militant groups do not use their territory for planning operations in other states. Iran, Sudan and Afghanistan, three states that have been named in the past as bases for such activity, did not oppose the resolution, delegates said.

"This is a remarkable step," a member of the Algerian delegation said. "The Islamic countries have finally woken up to the fundamentalist violence which endangers them."

Algeria, Egypt, Oman and Tunisia were the main sponsors of the resolution, titled "A Code of Conduct for Combating International Terrorism." Between 10,000 and 20,000 people have been killed in three years of political violence in Algeria since the authorities canceled elections that an Islamic movement would have won. Cairo faces a less serious challenge from militants attack-

ing the security forces and the tourist industry. More than 500 people have died in three years.

The code says of Islamic states: "Terrorism cannot be justified under any circumstances, and thus they unequivocally condemn all acts, methods and practices of terrorism regardless of their origins, causes and purposes."

Members of the organization, it adds, "commit themselves to refrain from undertaking, attempting or participating in any way in financing, instigating or supporting directly or indirectly acts of terrorism." And they will "take all necessary measures to ensure that their territories are not used for planning, organizing, executing, initiating or participating in any terrorist activity."

The group also decided to enhance cooperation between member states in exchanging information on violent groups.

The resolution says Muslim militants must be combated "by highlighting the true image of our noble religion and exposing the schemes of terrorist groups, the duality of their message and the danger of their role to the stability and security of member states."

Auctioneer Rolls Out Carpet to Tapie's Mansion

The Associated Press

PARIS — Bernard Tapie, the French businessman and politician who is struggling to avoid bankruptcy, suffered a new indignity on Tuesday as members of the public were allowed to tour his mansion before its sale by a bank seeking to recoup unpaid debts.

His 18th-century residence, valued at about 70 million francs (\$13 million), is to be put up for auction Thursday by Crédit Lyonnais, which claims that Mr. Tapie owes it more than 15 times that amount.

Scores of curiosity-seekers, many of them elderly and few of them seemingly serious about bidding, were escorted by police through the Paris mansion, stripped of its furnishings by

the bank during the summer. Mr. Tapie has moved out, though his son and daughter-in-law still live in one wing.

Were he declared bankrupt, Mr. Tapie would be forced to step down from his seats in the National Assembly and European Parliament, and he could not run for mayor of Marseille or for president next year.

Asked if he planned to seek the presidency, he answered: "I will not be a candidate. It's already a bazaar." He proposed that the left's leaders consult each other until Jan. 15 on strategy, then rally behind a single candidate.

About the tour of his home, he said: "It's disgraceful" and added that "their principal objective is to humiliate me."

Without ATR Planes, U.S. Airlines Scramble to Fill In Gaps

The Associated Press

PEORIA, Illinois — U.S. commuter airlines are swapping planes, conferring with customers and even booking passengers on other airlines as they scramble to make up for the loss of grounded ATR planes.

The patchwork arrangement seemed to work Monday. Passengers, airport managers and competing companies reported no major problems.

"They have already booked me on another flight," said George McClellan, a Peoria resident planning to travel on an

American Eagle flight. "My wife and I will be in two different rows, but that's O.K. You expect changes once in a while, small problems."

American Eagle, the commuter arm of American Airlines, grounded its ATRs on Friday, when the Federal Aviation Administration barred use of the turboprops in icy weather. Trans World Express, partner to Trans World Airlines, made the same move.

The planes are made by the French-Italian company Avion de Transport Régional.

The Federal Aviation Administration is studying whether ice on the wing of an ATR caused a crash Oct. 31 in Rose-lawn, Indiana, that killed 68 people.

Trans World Express already has found planes to replace some of the ATRs it uses, allowing flights to continue. American Eagle hopes to have some replacement planes in place by Thursday, permitting flights to resume in 11 cities.

American Eagle is transferring its 70 ATRs to warmer lo-

cations, including Miami, Dallas-Fort Worth and Nashville, Tennessee.

But it shut down service at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, transferring those planes to other operations.

The commuter airline Continental Connections furloughed its seven employees in Gillette, Wyoming, over the weekend and bumped its passengers to other airlines as it moved its fleet of Beechcraft planes to other areas to fill gaps left by the ban.

Continental Connections, part of GP Express, also canceled service to Denver, Sheridan, Wyoming, and Rapid City, South Dakota.

Some made do with what they had.

In Evansville, Indiana, American Eagle flights to Chicago were canceled because they use ATRs. But a different plane is used for flights to Nashville, so passengers were being encouraged to fly there, then to their original destinations.

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On Gingrich Agenda: 'Pretty Big' Spending Cuts and a Delay on Clean Air

By Kenneth J. Cooper

WASHINGTON — Newt Gingrich, the House speaker-to-be, is charting a sprawling map of Republican pathways to a limited federal government, promising a "pretty big" package of spending cuts early next year, floating the idea of a one-year moratorium on clean-air regulations and identifying Energy and Housing and Urban Development as cabinet agencies most vulnerable to elimination.

Mr. Gingrich, a Republican from Georgia, has expanded his proposed alternatives to federal anti-poverty programs by suggesting tax credits to encourage charitable donations to help the poor and saying he preferred the welfare revisions governors proposed over those in the Gingrich-inspired "Contract With America."

He is similarly calling for loosening federal control over Medicaid, the state-federal health program for the poorest Americans.

Three weeks from becoming the first Republican speaker in 40 years, Mr. Gingrich has also endorsed a term limit of eight years on speakers, similar to the restriction that the U.S. Constitution imposes on presidents.

Besides his proposals on specific federal policies, Mr. Gingrich sketched out his views on broader issues of government, economics and race during a two-hour luncheon with Washington Post editors and reporters. The former history professor studied his responses with verbal footnotes to the books of historians.

"I'm not anti-government," Mr. Gingrich said in explaining his opposition to the

"Great Society" programs of the 1960s. "I don't believe social engineering works. I don't believe building large centralized government structures works."

Within the first two months of 1995, Mr. Gingrich said that "probably the most fiscally conservative Congress since the '20s" would consider a package of spending cuts in the 1995 budget that will be "pretty big, I think."

He said House Republican leaders had asked the new House appropriations chairman, Robert L. Livingston, Republican of Louisiana, to make the spending cuts "as big as you're comfortable" making.

A Livingston aide said the package would range "somewhere in the billions" and would be developed during Appropriations Committee hearings the first two weeks of January. "They're going to specif-

ically be hearings on what to cut, and why," the aide said. "Most appropriations hearings are on what we need to spend, and why."

On environmental regulation, Mr. Gingrich cited warnings from governors that a 1995 deadline for states to reduce certain air pollutants would create "an economic catastrophe of the first order."

The deadline was set in the Clean Air Act of 1990, which Mr. Gingrich supported on an overwhelming vote for House passage.

"Every governor I talk to says this is going to be a crisis in 1995," Mr. Gingrich said, specifically mentioning Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and California. Virginia has also experienced trouble coming up with a plan to meet the clean-air standards.

The speaker-to-be said many governors favored a one-year moratorium on the clean-air regulations. He did not endorse their proposal and instead called for hearings on the issue.

In a letter to President Bill Clinton on Monday, Mr. Gingrich joined other Republican leaders of the House and the Senate in proposing a 100-day moratorium on new federal regulations. They asked the administration to use the time to review the regulatory burden and recommend cuts in red tape.

Mr. Gingrich indicated that the weak political constituencies for the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, known as HUD, and Energy would make them prime candidates for cuts in the bureaucracy. He cited "a very limited constituency" for Energy.

"I would argue that you could abolish HUD tomorrow morning and improve life in most of America," he said, adding, "I think HUD's reputation is now so bad, and the whole public housing policy has been such a failure, that it's very hard to sustain HUD."

But Mr. Gingrich said the federal government could still increase the stock of low-income housing, for example, by giving HUD-owned land to Habitat for Humanity, a volunteer group that builds homes for the poor.

He wore a lapel pin of the nonprofit group more identified with another Georgian, former President Jimmy Carter. "We are looking at creating a tax credit for people to give money to private sector institutions that care for the poor," Mr. Gingrich said.

Gephardt Preempts Clinton on Tax Credit

By Kevin Merida

WASHINGTON — The incoming House minority leader, Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, offered his own prescription Tuesday to revive the Democratic Party. It includes a tax cut for families earning less than \$75,000 a year, incentives for companies to share their profits with workers and a "no-holds-barred" campaign to make Republicans accountable "for every assault on working America."

"The fur's going to fly," he said.

Mr. Gephardt's speech to the Center for National Policy, a Democratic-oriented research organization, was met with only polite applause.

And the Democrat's announcement that House Democrats will propose a tax cut for working families preempted a planned Oval Office address Thursday by President Bill Clinton in which he will lay out his own vision for the next two years, including a possible tax credit for middle-income families earning less than \$100,000 a year.

A Gephardt spokeswoman, Laura Nichols, said the speech had been planned long in advance and that Mr. Gephardt had consulted with the White House about his remarks. Mr. Gephardt said later that he

was not trying to "upstage" the president. Ms. Nichols said it was unclear whether Mr. Gephardt's tax proposal would ultimately be in conflict with the president's.

The minority leader's proposal would exempt a portion of the wages earned by employees paid up to \$75,000 annually and would be available to workers regardless of whether they have children. He promised to find spending cuts to pay for his plan, and Ms. Nichols said the size of the tax cut and how long it would be in effect was contingent upon the budget cuts.

A Republican proposal would provide a \$500-per-child tax credit for families earning up to \$200,000 a year, a proposal Mr. Gephardt labeled "a tax break for every child of the rich." The White House has yet to specify how its relief plan would work.

Mr. Gephardt's speech, which drew sharp class distinctions between the two major parties' messages, was billed as a blueprint for how the Democrats planned to operate on Capitol Hill in the next two years.

It was what one aide described as an effort to show that in the next Congress the Democrats will "begin to work more as an equal partner in the formulation of policy, rather than us acting as receptor of legisla-

tion" generated by the White House.

In response to a question following his speech, Mr. Gephardt noted that while he will work in cooperation with the president, the House was "an independent organization." In recent weeks, other high-profile Democrats, including the incoming Senate minority leader, Thomas A. Daschle of South Dakota, have noted they may at times operate independently of the administration.

Portraying the Democrats as the advocates for working families and the middle class, Mr. Gephardt accused the Republicans of holding up "a punching bag for people's frustrations" with "the tried and tested GOP formula: division, exclusion and fear."

Democrats, he said, must "rededicate ourselves to the kitchen-table issues that made us the majority party for most of this century, and will make us the majority again in 1996."

"We don't need to find the left or the right or the center," Mr. Gephardt said. "We only need to look inside ourselves, to find the truth that's already there. We only need to rediscover the heart and the soul of the Democratic Party, which is to fight for the working families and the middle-class that make this country great."

Simpson Defense Moves to Speed Trial

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LOS ANGELES — Defense attorneys for O.J. Simpson told a judge Tuesday they wanted to forgo hearings on the prosecution's crucial DNA evidence and take the case straight to trial in early January.

In a move that could put the double-murder case on a fast track, Mr. Simpson's lawyers asked Judge Lance A. Ito to begin opening statements by Jan. 4. They said they preferred to challenge the admissibility of tests on blood and hair samples later, before the jury.

Both sides had been preparing for DNA hearings that were expected to last four to six weeks. But if the judge grants the defense motion, the trial of the former professional football star could begin in earnest much sooner.

In announcing their change of strategy, the defense team said Mr. Simpson had been advised of the potential risks and benefits. Mr. Simpson is charged in the June 12 stabbing deaths of his former wife Nicole Brown Simpson and



THUMBS-UP — O.J. Simpson with one of his lawyers, Robert Shapiro, awaiting the jury's entry. Jurors in the murder trial were told they may be sequestered in January.

her friend Ronald L. Goldman.

Defense attorneys argued that failure to grant their motion would violate Mr. Simpson's constitutional rights to a fair trial and due process.

The tactic has some benefits for Mr. Simpson. For one, it meets his desire for a fast trial by eliminating a time-consuming and, for him, expensive admissibility hearing before a judge who has rarely sided with the defense.

Also, it eliminates the po-

tential for damaging publicity that could taint the jury and alternate panel if they were not sequestered.

But prosecutors may put up some resistance. Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark said that if defense lawyers wanted to forgo the pretrial hearings, they had to concede to the admissibility and "statistical significance" of test results on evidence found at the crime scene and at Mr. Simpson's Brentwood estate.

In the motion, however, the

defense made it clear that it intended to challenge the admissibility of the prosecution's scientific evidence but wanted to do it during the trial. Judge Ito is expected to rule by the end of the week.

The DNA tests remain crucial to the prosecution's case. Authorities have no witnesses to the murders and no murder weapon, so blood and hair samples may be the only hard evidence they have.

(Reuters, AP)

POLITICAL NOTES

'Hill Rats' Scurry for Help

WASHINGTON — Bathed in light from the chandelier of the spacious Ways and Means Committee hearing room, Eugene Pugliese tried to keep a sense of humor as he filled out applications for collecting unemployment in the temporary office of the District of Columbia's employment service.

"They ask you the name of your dependents and I put down my daughters, who are 7 and 9," said Mr. Pugliese, who has been a lawyer on the House Judiciary Committee for 15 years. "And then they ask you if they're physically able to work. Work what? A paper route?"

Mr. Pugliese is among the thousands of staff members on Capitol Hill who lost their jobs in the Republican landslide last month. In response, the District of Columbia has opened the office on Capitol Hill to help staff members apply for unemployment benefits.

Treasury Due \$4.1 Million?

WASHINGTON — Federal auditors recommend that President Bill Clinton's 1992 campaign repay the Treasury a record \$4.1 million because they said the campaign was not entitled to all the federal matching funds it received.

The Federal Election Commission is scheduled on Wednesday to discuss the audit findings, which question the campaign's decision to give bonuses to certain employees and disallow payments for two missing rental cars.

The Clinton campaign committee disagrees with the audit findings, said Lyn Urech, the attorney for the committee, which has a right to a hearing after the commission votes.

(WP)

House Security Under Study

WASHINGTON — Protection arrangements for the incoming House

speaker, Newt Gingrich, need to be quickly assessed, the incoming chief of House security said. Wilson Livingston, the sergeant-at-arms nominee, said at a news conference that he did not know of any threats against the outspoken Mr. Gingrich, but said he planned to assess the Georgia Republican's "threat level" as part of an overall review of House security.

(Reuters)

Quote/Unquote

Mr. Gingrich on crime problems in the District of Columbia: "There is something disgraceful about the richest country in the world inviting its citizens to come and go by neighborhood tragedies and neighborhood failures and neighborhood massacre sites on their way to the Smithsonian and the Capitol. There is just something profoundly wrong about our whole approach to this city right now."

(WP)

Away From Politics

- Barneys clothing store ran ads in New York newspapers apologizing for a satirical Nativity scene in which the Three Wise Men were represented by Bart Simpson dolls and Mary was a saucy-looking cat.
- The Madison Avenue display was removed.
- A Republican Party official has been selected as clerk of the House, the first time in the chamber's 205-year history that a woman was chosen.

(NYT)

- The family of the serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer has no intention of suing over his death in a prison.
- "What would be the point?" the family's attorney said.
- Even if a suit proved the prison liable, he told a Cleveland daily, "No jury is going to award money for the death of Jeffrey Dahmer."
- A first-class letter will cost 32 cents to send as of Jan. 1, the Postal Service Board of Governors said.
- A mountain lion shot last weekend was the one that mauled a hiker to death in a state park 50 miles east of San Diego, California officials confirmed.
- An explosion at a fertilizer plant south of Sioux City, Iowa, killed at least four people and released a cloud of toxic ammonia gas that forced hundreds to evacuate.

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Japan's Teen Suicides After 2d Death, Schools Get An Order to Curb Bullying

Reuters
TOKYO — A second 13-year-old schoolboy hanged himself Tuesday in an area of central Japan already embroiled in controversy about a suicide brought on by schoolyard bullying, the police said.

The suicide coincided with a special cabinet meeting called by Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama to discuss the first death, and the Education Ministry urged teachers to crack down on schoolyard bullying.

The police said the body of the second boy, who was not named, was found at a workshop belonging to his father. He had hanged himself from a ceiling beam and left no note.

Shoji Sota, vice principal of the boy's school, said the boy's schoolmates had vandalized his book bag and hit him in the head with a chair in October, the Kyodo news agency reported.

Kyodo said some classmates said they had seen the word "die" scribbled on the boy's bag. They also said the youth was depressed about recent poor examination results.

The boy lived in the town of

Okazaki, next to the town of Nishio, where another 13-year-old, Kiyoteru Okochi, hanged himself last month and left a note saying several classmates had bullied him into stealing money from his family.

The note said the bullies had extorted \$10,000 from him over the course of a year, holding his head in a river if he refused to pay.

The boy's suicide note said: "I just can't find any money to take to them today."

A newspaper reported last week that at least 10 schoolboys had taken their lives because of harassment by classmates this year.

In other recent signs of strains in Japan's schools, a teacher was suspended for hitting a pupil in the head every day for six months because he was inattentive, and a young student died in a car accident while being pursued by a teacher in another car.

A government spokesman reported Mr. Murayama said at the cabinet meeting Tuesday that parents, teachers and students all had a responsibility to stop schoolyard bullying.

Space Trip Due For Japanese

Reuters
TOKYO — A Japanese astronaut will join a mission by the American space shuttle Endeavour next year as the first Japanese mission specialist, Japan's space agency announced Tuesday.

The astronaut, Koichi Wakata, 31, will be the third Japanese to ride a U.S. space shuttle. The previous two Japanese astronauts conducted scientific experiments, but as a mission specialist Mr. Wakata is qualified for space walks and other operational activities.

Japan's National Space Development Agency asked NASA to put Mr. Wakata on a shuttle so he could experience space flight before Japan's participation in an international space station project due to start in 1997. NASA plans to launch the Endeavour with a crew of six astronauts on Nov. 30, 1995, for a nine-day mission.

In a report issued Tuesday, the Education Ministry announced an urgent survey of teachers and administrators to gauge the extent of schoolyard bullying.

Richard Critchfield, Writer on Third World, Dies

By Wolfgang Saxon
New York Times Service
Richard Patrick Critchfield, 63, an author and journalist from Berkeley, California, who lived and worked among villagers of the Third World to tell their story to Western readers, died Saturday in Washington.

He had suffered a stroke the week before in Washington, where he had gone to attend a publication party for his latest book, "Villagers."

Mr. Critchfield spent long periods working and living with the peasants of Asia, Africa, and Latin America about whom he wrote.

For many years he reported on rural development for The Economist, and he also contributed Op-Ed articles and book reviews to The New York Times, The Washington Post, and the International Herald Tribune, among others.

Over the years, Mr. Critchfield reported for various publications on Asia, Washington, the White House, the China-India conflict of 1962, the Vietnam War, and the India-Pakistan war of 1965. In 1981, he received a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship, totaling \$244,000, which he used to continue studying cultural change in the rural Third World.

His books included "The

Long Charade: Political Subversion in the Vietnam War" (Harcourt, 1968); "The Golden Bowl Be Broken: Peasant Life in Four Cultures" (Indiana University Press, 1974); "Shah-hat: An Egyptian" (Syracuse University Press, 1978); and "Villagers" (Doubleday, 1980). "Villagers: Changed Values, Altered Lives: The Closing of the Urban-Rural Gap" was published by Doubleday last month.

Madame Alix Grès, a Leader in French World of Couture

PARIS (AP) — Madame Alix Grès, a major figure in the French fashion world for a half century, died 13 months ago at

the age of 90. Her daughter succeeded in keeping the death secret until Tuesday.

The newspaper Le Monde reported the death, quoting the daughter, Anne Grès, as saying she acted "out of love." Municipal authorities in Paris subsequently confirmed the death, which occurred Nov. 24, 1993, at a nursing home in southern France.

Born Germaine Krebs in Paris in 1903, she was known to the fashion world only as Madame Grès. In 1937, she started a shop with a partner on the fashionable Rue du Faubourg Ste. Honoré, calling both it and herself Alix, and quickly became widely known.

An ardent champion of haute couture, she was president for many years of the Fédération Française de la Couture, the powerful fashion syndicate.

Kenneth Rush, Ambassador Who Played Key Berlin Role
WASHINGTON (NYT) — Kenneth Rush, 84, who, as a U.S. ambassador helped negotiate the ground-breaking four-power agreement in 1971 that ended the postwar crises over Berlin, died Sunday in Delray Beach, Florida. A former president of Union Carbide, he held several high government posts and served as ambassador to France from 1974 to 1977. A son said he had been under

treatment for heart and blood ailments.

The Quadripartite Berlin Agreement, among the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, and France, ended more than two decades of East-West tensions over the divided former capital of Germany.

Stuart A. Roosa, 61, an astronaut who flew on the third lunar landing mission in 1971, died Monday in Falls Church, Virginia, of complications from pancreatitis.

George Van Rensselaer, 35, a pianist who was an interpreter of Schubert, died Saturday in Bussan, near Amsterdam.

Antoine Pinay, French Economic Reformer, Dies

Agence France-Presse

SAINT-ETIENNE, France — Antoine Pinay, a former French finance minister, monetary reformer and father of the "new franc," died at his home near here Tuesday. He was 102.

Mr. Pinay served as prime minister in 1952 and then as finance minister under de Gaulle starting in 1958.

He was credited with halting galloping inflation and restoring the strength of the French franc. His success was symbol-

ized by the introduction of the "new franc," valued at 100 old francs.

Mr. Pinay, who has served as a reference point for successive French finance ministers, won the confidence of small savers with the "Pinay bond," launched in 1952 and indexed to gold.

In 1965 and again in 1969, he resisted pressure to become a candidate for the French presidency.

He was named France's first ombudsman in 1973.

In 1974 he campaigned for the successful presidential candidate, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, before retiring to Saint-Chamond.

Mr. Pinay was a strong supporter of European union and in 1992 declared his enthusiastic support for the Maastricht treaty.

He saw active service in World War I and afterwards.

He ran a small tannery between 1919 and 1948 in the Saint-Chamond region, was involved in local politics and became mayor of the town.

He initially supported the collaborationist regime of Marshal Philippe Pétain in World War II before joining the Resistance.

Mr. Pinay attributed his longevity to the fact that he never drank alcohol and tried to get eight hours' sleep every night. He gave up smoking in 1989.

Tokyo Moves Against Gun Imports

Reuters
TOKYO — Responding to increased gun smuggling and gun-related violence this year, Japan will tighten its ban on imports of firearms and ammunition, a customs office spokesman said Tuesday.

Under a revised customs law, which takes effect Jan. 1, imports of handguns, rifles, machine guns and other firearms will be banned, the spokesman said. Ammunition and parts will also be barred.

Violations will be punished with prison terms of up to five years or a fine of up to 5 million yen (\$50,000).

Gun imports are now banned under criminal law but not under customs law; thus, customs officers do not have the right to investigate gun smuggling. If they discover illicit guns, they must report them to the police, who in turn take action.

"We plan to increase our staff and introduce more efficient X-ray devices to detect

gun-smuggling attempts at customs," the customs spokesman said.

The number of guns confiscated by customs officials totaled 88 from January to October this year, up from 69 for all of 1993. Many of them were from China, the Philippines or Russia.

Japanese police seized 1,671 guns between January and September, compared with 1,019 last year.

AMERICAN TOPICS

Elderly Car Drivers: To Test or Not to Test?

Despite studies that show the effects of aging on vision, reflexes and cognitive skills, only three states — Illinois, Indiana and New Hampshire — require road-skill exams for drivers 80 and older. In Kansas, all drivers are vision-tested

and given written exams every four years.

Most other states have no restrictions on elderly drivers. It is a touchy problem. Many people resent being told they are too old to drive, and their children are reluctant to take away the car keys. Indeed, many of the elderly are fully competent to drive. But others experience senile dementia, cataracts and reduction in reflexes. Many take medication that makes them nervous, weak or dizzy.

The main advocacy group for older people, the American Association of Retired Persons, acknowledges a potential problem with aging drivers. It even offers an instructional program for drivers 55 and older.

The former Missouri state coordinator for that program, Earl Rosen, 80, said of fatal accidents caused by incompetent drivers: "I call it murder. Personally, I would love to see some type of testing as age progresses."

Short Takes

When it comes to how food tastes, people can be divided into three categories: nontasters, regular tasters and supertasters, scientists say. Supertasters have more taste buds than other people and so they taste more. Linda Bartoshuk, a professor at the Yale medical school and an expert in sensory science, said the number of taste buds was a matter of heredity. About a quarter of the population are supertasters, a quarter are nontasters and half are regular tasters. The differences among them, however, are diminished because taste is only one aspect of flavor and is often overshadowed by aroma, texture and temperature.

Frank Mancini, 45, an unemployed New York office-cleaning worker, has been charged with reporting 20 false alarms since March 1992. He is suspected of phoning in thousands of others, a fire de-

partment spokeswoman said. A law enforcement source said Mr. Mancini had an unspecified grudge against some of his neighbors and wanted to harass them with clanging fire engines at odd hours.

If they pause to think about it, people can identify phrases that are in common use but derived from objects that are nearly forgotten. Matthew L. Wald notes in The New York Times. Muskets are gone but "flash in the pan" and "going off half-cooked" are still with us. Few people sail, but some get "three sheets to the wind." And change goes inexorably onward. Many once-common objects are obsolescent or even obsolete and becoming ever more rare. Examples: rotary telephone dials, typewriters, carbon paper and record albums.

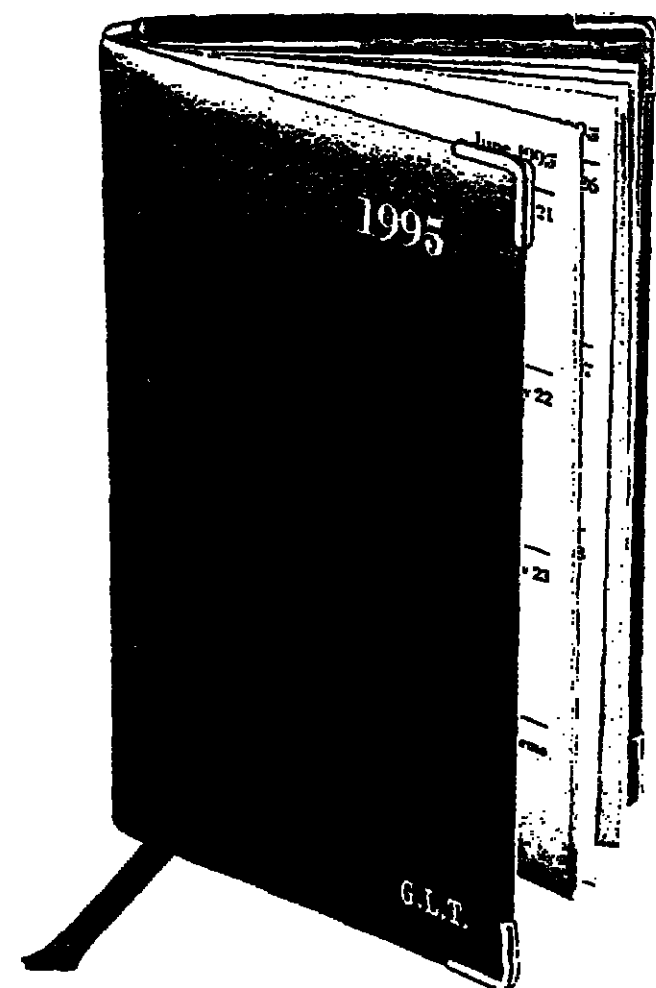
Eyeglasses, on the other hand, are more popular than ever. Decades ago, they lost their prim image. Then con-

tact lenses seemed likely to make spectacles obsolete. But today, about 60 percent of Americans wear glasses, and only 15 percent wear contacts, according to a spokesman for the Optical Laboratories Association, a trade group. "Twenty years ago, the feeling was contact lenses were going to take over," he said. "That never happened."

A high school Christmas concert in Paris, Tennessee, was canceled after a brawl in which the choir director allegedly hit the band conductor in the face with a chair. Henry County High School's Kenneth Humphrey, a county commissioner and minister, was freed on \$1,000 bail after Martin Paschall filed aggravated assault charges. The two men allegedly got into a fight over who would make announcements at a future concert. They also argued about locking up their joint office space, the police said.

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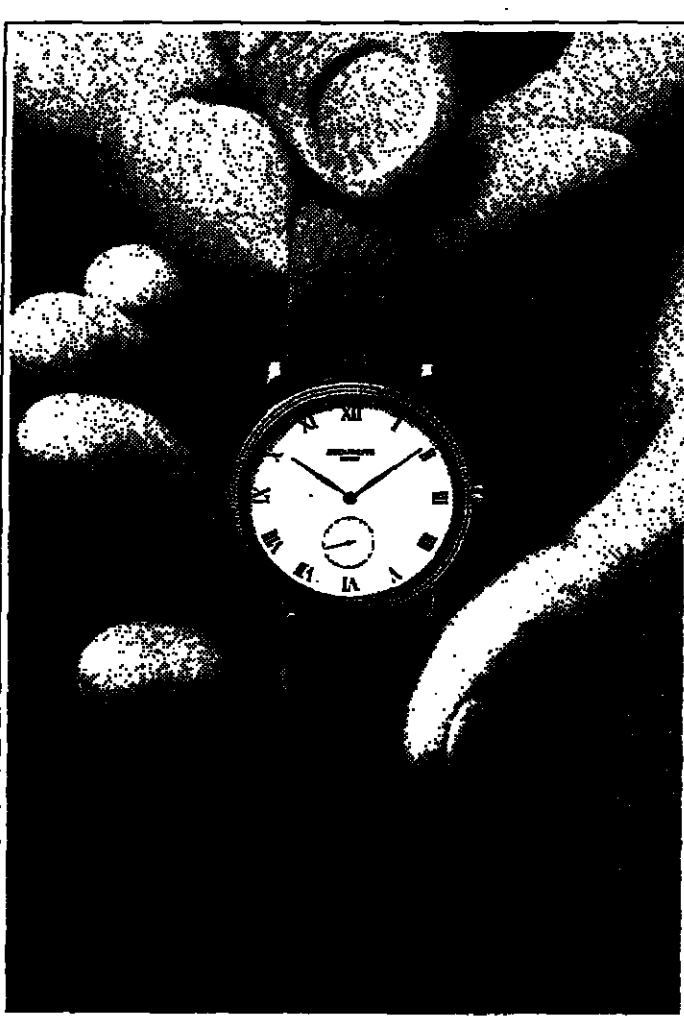
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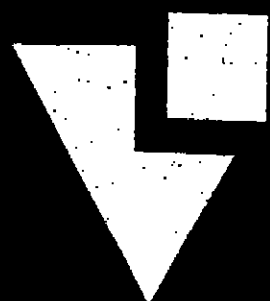
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Chechnya Predicament

The tiny Russian breakaway region of Chechnya confronts President Boris Yeltsin and his fellow reformers with a serious internal crisis. The three-year insurrection cannot be allowed to stand. Although a negotiated political settlement would be the best outcome, Mr. Yeltsin is justified in using military force to suppress the rebellion.

Failure to deal decisively with Chechnya's defiance could have two calamitous consequences. First, it could encourage similar rebellions elsewhere and bring about the collapse of the Russian Federation. Second, in strictly political terms it would surely arouse a ferocious backlash among right-wing nationalists, in turn destroying the Yeltsin government.

Washington does not want these outcomes and neither, obviously, does Mr. Yeltsin. The beleaguered president is acutely aware that suppressing the rebellion by force is fraught with peril. It could spark fierce resistance and terrorism from Chechnya's independent-minded people and, conceivably, bog Russia down in another Afghanistan. And even if Mr. Yeltsin satisfies the nationalists, as well as an embittered Russian army eager to prosecute a regional war, he could later find himself under fire from war-weary Russians who want out.

That is why Washington should quietly counsel him to apply force carefully — not to crush the Chechens but to open the way to a negotiated settlement. Such a settlement would give a measure of political autonomy to Chechnya.

Shortly after the abortive 1991 putsch in Moscow, the Chechen strongman, Dzhokhar Dudayev, once one of the youngest generals in the Soviet air force, seized power in this oil-rich land of 1.3 million people and declared independence. A year later, when Mr. Yeltsin first at-

tempted to restore Russian rule by force, the Parliament balked and got him to seek a political solution instead. Mr. Yeltsin now seems determined to topple Mr. Dudayev — by force if necessary. Last week he massed Russian forces on Chechnya's border and backed a failed coup attempt. Over the weekend, he ordered armored columns to advance on the capital, Grozny.

Mr. Yeltsin's move brought sharp protests from Moscow liberals, but it is likely to prove popular, at least for the moment, among those who favor a more assertive Russian foreign policy. Among Russians, the Chechens have an unsavory reputation — some of it the result of Russian racism, some of it deserved. Chechen racketeers control many of Moscow's markets with strongarm tactics, and the Dudayev regime is a tin-horn kleptocracy that wrestled leadership from genuine Chechen nationalists and is now seizing the spoils.

The republic, located in an ethnic cauldron in the Caucasus Mountains between the Black and Caspian Seas, could be difficult to subdue. Colonized by Russians over three centuries and brought under Russia's control in the 1860s, the Chechens have periodically rebelled against Moscow's rule. They rebelled after the 1917 Revolution and again in World War II. In 1944, Stalin deported a half-million Chechens to the steppes of Central Asia, for purportedly siding with Germany during the war; after his death, many drifted home.

Washington cannot help but sympathize with Mr. Yeltsin's predicament. His task is to move decisively to depose Mr. Dudayev, then end the bloodletting as quickly as he can lest he become a hostage to Russia's nationalists and military.

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Another Bosnia Charade?

Last week the talk of NATO was about withdrawing United Nations peacekeepers to clear the decks for arming the Bosnians and perhaps launching robust air strikes. But over the weekend the French and British, principal contributors to the UN force, and the Americans looked hard at the greater suffering and wider war that would be the likely immediate result of a pullout, and flinched. They decided instead (1) to make another diplomatic go, (2) to continue planning an American-assisted UN withdrawal and (3) to beef up NATO military action. The third item was worked up by the American and French defense ministers and involves extra fortifying, consolidating of units, protecting convoys and the like.

Is this anything more than another charade? There is a dire need for a tougher NATO military response. The response now contemplated, however, keeps NATO in the role of servant of the United Nations, and does not ask the United Nations to alter the neutralist life-force mandate which has defined its peacekeeping from the start. Under this mandate, the United Nations treats each party as a potential violator, single act by single act, and avoids what ought to be the essential broad judgment that the Serbs are the principal transgressors. This is what it has taken so far to get resolutions past the Serbs' UN protector, Russia.

The two defense ministers, trying to restore a modicum of American-European consensus, promised to set "overwhelming force" to protect a UN pullout, if there is one. That is, the United Nations will not be allowed to veto NATO pullout strategy. It is a little shameful that the Clinton administration would make departing peacekeepers an offer, including an American ground role, that it could never find it in its heart to make to suffering Bosnians. Nonetheless, the pledge shows good faith to those who, unlike Americans, accepted the more onerous peacekeeping risks.

If NATO does finally undertake to secure a safe UN withdrawal, it will be back at the further question — should it lift the arms embargo on Bosnia and conduct strikes to help it regain lost ground? — that has long split ready Americans from reluctant Europeans. Except that this time the resurgent Republicans are pressing the administration to go it alone.

Enabling Bosnia to arm or at least giving it the option is the minimal decent thing, especially if Bosnia is not to have even a fig leaf of international protection. Air strikes look a lot better if NATO is together than if the United States is alone. But let us see how the next few weeks go.

— THE WASHINGTON POST

Europe Looks East

Europe's rich democracies last week sharply strengthened their offers of economic alliance to the uneasy countries that used to be Soviet satellites. The European Union's 12 members, meeting at Essen, still have not provided their eastern neighbors with a firm timetable for admission. But at the urging particularly of the Germans, the 12 have now made the steps leading to admission, and the offers of the help needed to ascend them, much more specific. Although the Union itself originated as a common market, its purposes go far beyond trade.

The Union hopes to use the promise of membership to bring greater stability to Eastern Europe. Bosnia is providing Europe with a horrifying example of the costs of what is euphemistically called instability. Just as the common market not only helped Western Europe to prosper but damped down its nationalist vendettas, the Union is now moving to apply the same magic to the Eastern countries on untested but well understood terms: that they are to remain democracies pledged to live at peace with their neighbors.

The Union at Essen gave the Eastern countries a bigger welcome than, as recently as a few weeks ago, seemed to be on the schedule. Perhaps one reason was Russia's hostile reaction to the other idea for greater stability in Eastern Europe — bringing these same countries into

NATO. When one avenue is temporarily blocked, it is useful to pursue another.

But this expansion eastward raises concerns within the Union itself that there will be less attention to its Mediterranean members and the pressures on them from the south. The Union's meeting at Essen had a lot in common with the Western Hemisphere's summit conference being held at the same time in Miami. Both the European Union and the United States were dealing with much less wealthy countries anxious to proceed rapidly — much too rapidly for the comfort of the rich — toward very close economic partnerships. But, comfortable or not, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, like President Bill Clinton, went to some lengths to encourage those seeking to enter his trading system.

Immigration is as urgent an issue in Europe as it is in America, and in both cases the governments of the rich countries have a clear sense that it could become dangerous quickly if conditions among their poorer neighbors were to deteriorate. A lot of people in Eastern Europe and Latin America (although not so far in North Africa) have come to believe that rising prosperity supports democracy and vice versa. It is very much in the interest of the rich to keep their neighbors thinking that way.

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After the Nuclear Party, Cleaning Up Isn't Optional

By Jessica Mathews

WASHINGTON — The ghosts of weapons programs past are rattling their chains louder and louder. Tons of uranium and plutonium scattered at sites around the United States and the former Soviet Union are rusting, corroding, leaking, migrating, concentrating into critical masses, threatening to explode, and spreading underground into rivers and water supplies. Most immediately dangerous, enough material to make thousands of bombs is vulnerable to theft in Russia.

It will take decades, and tens or hundreds of billions of dollars, before the radioactive wastes and fissile materials around today are permanently contained or disposed of. As material disperses and storage facilities age and degrade, the task gets harder.

And as more weapons are dismantled, and plutonium production in Russia continues, the amount of material to contend with continues to grow. So does the frustration with having to spend today's tight money on yesterday's problems.

Overseer budget cutters in the United States, eyeing the large cleanup programs at the Pentagon and the Department of Energy, would like to see them as dispensable, environmental frills. They could not be more wrong. These programs are addressing real threats that will only become more dangerous and more expensive as time passes.

Ironically, cuts are being proposed just as an explosive new Energy Department report concludes that previous budget

cuts are partly to blame for the present hazards at half a dozen U.S. sites, particularly Rocky Flats, just outside Denver. Big as the American nuclear challenge is, it is dwarfed by environmental and security risks in Russia.

The latest horror to be added to a steadily growing list is the recent revelation that for decades radioactive waste was secretly disposed of in Russia by pumping it directly into the ground, contravening international practice and Soviet claims. The contamination has spread far beyond the injection sites, and experts are now debating whether it will remain a local threat or become a national or even an international one.

But the largest and most immediate nuclear threat comes from theft. Dozens of facilities in Russia, including many outside the military establishment, hold large quantities of highly enriched uranium and plutonium. There is no national inventory of these weapons materials. Even an individual facility may have no idea how many bombs' worth are present, and therefore no way of knowing if material disappears.

Americans who have visited some of the major civilian sites describe single, easily summable fences, absent or easily disabled alarms, and padlocks that any self-respecting bicycle thief could cut.

The absolute basics of physical security are missing. There are no cameras or

motion detectors, no double fencing and no radiation monitors at the exits. These are facilities where workers regularly go unpaid for months in a society where organized crime is flourishing.

Many took misplaced comfort from the fact that the small amount of smuggled plutonium seized in Germany last summer apparently came from a civilian, and not a military, facility. There are no grounds for doing so. Russian civilian facilities contain more than enough weapons-usable uranium and plutonium to supply all the world's potential buyers through the theft of even a minute fraction.

Military facilities hold more fissile material, but civilian facilities probably pose the greater threat.

While Bonn saw to it that its arrest produced global headlines, Moscow and Washington appear to have tacitly cooperated to keep news of several much larger seizures in Russia quiet.

In one of these, a janitor reportedly walked out of a plant wearing an industrial mitten stuffed with three kilograms of highly enriched uranium, which he kept in his refrigerator while making further plans. The facility reportedly discovered the theft by noticing the missing janitor, not the missing material. How many other thefts, one has to wonder, have not been caught?

The Clinton administration, with funding through the bipartisan Nunn-Lugar initiative, has achieved some notable successes in reducing nuclear threats in the former Soviet Union. Agreements

with Kazakhstan, Belarus and Ukraine should mean having one nuclear state to deal with rather than four. Weapons are being dismantled and information exchanged on where and how each side will store the resulting plutonium. Both countries have agreed to ban further production of plutonium for weapons use.

Yet not enough is being done to safeguard weapons-usable material, and the funds for what has been started are drying up. Anticipating cuts in Nunn-Lugar funding next year, the Department of Defense is proposing to drop the physical security and export control programs in order to protect what it sees as its core interest in weapons dismantlement. It wants, too, to fend off the criticism that the Pentagon should not do anything that is not strictly military.

In fact, helping Russia protect its tons of poorly protected plutonium is as much a security task as building weapons or paying troops. There is no guarantee that U.S. help will prevent all thefts, but it is clear from the progress made already that it can make a big difference.

If these programs falter for want of a few tens of millions of dollars, the cost to U.S. security is likely to be incomparably larger. It is easier, cheaper and quicker to steal the material for a nuclear arsenal than to make it. And North Korea will not be the last to try.

The writer, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

If Smaller Works Better, APEC Could Turn Out Irrelevant at Best

By Philip Bowring

HONG KONG — Bogor, Miami, Davao. Which, if any, of these cities will go down in the annals of trade history?

Bogor, stage for the set-piece bash of the year where leaders of the 18-strong APEC group — including the United States, Japan and China — committed themselves to free trade among themselves by 2020?

Or Miami, host last week to the Summit of the Americas, a gathering of 34 nations which set a goal of free trade in the Western Hemisphere by 2005?

Or the southern Philippine city of Davao, where, just after the APEC meeting, President Fidel Ramos appealed for free trade within what he called the East ASEAN Growth Area (EAGA) encompassing the southern Philippines, most of eastern Indonesia, eastern Malaysia and Brunei?

The surge of free trade talk is commendable, but is it any more than pious hope? There is more likely to be free trade within humble EAGA by 2020 than in the much ballyhooed APEC zone.

As for the Miami summit, it further exposed the nakedness of

APEC, which, despite the publicity surrounding its last two summits, always was a political stunt rather than a group with a realistic trade agenda. The drive to free trade within the Americas is so much stronger than anything in APEC that APEC itself is, despite the Bogor hype, already looking irrelevant.

For the United States, APEC and its opportunity for summitizing are temporally useful, a cheap way of proving U.S. "commitment" to the region while putting a little pressure for market opening on the Asian members — with almost all of which it runs large trade deficits.

APEC provides China with an opportunity to show a benign face to the world and to smooth relations with the United States and promote its GATT membership bid. For President Suharto it was a useful (if flawed by Timor) way of raising his own and Indonesia's profiles.

Yet for any grouping of states to have meaning there must be either economic logic or political will. In

the APEC case, neither exists beyond the most superficial level.

It is theoretically possible to reconcile APEC members' commitments to free trade by 2020 with members' existing commitments in other directions — for example, the North American Free Trade Agreement and the ASEAN Free Trade Area — but in practice this is simply not possible without political commitments that do not exist.

The world should give thanks to Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad for his open skepticism. Mr. Mahathir has his own reasons for being a grandstanding outsider, but he has been saying aloud what the Japanese were saying to themselves.

Japan wants global, not regional, focus. If it is to accept second best, that most likely would be because it faced serious discrimination in North American and European markets. In that case it would seek some sort of Asia-Australasia regional grouping.

At one point, before NAFTA and while Western Europe threat-

ened to be more protectionist than has been the case, APEC might have been a realistic option. But no longer. It may still serve as a warning to the Europeans, but they now seem to recognize it for the hot air that it is.

As host to next year's summit, Japan will be paying further lip service to the APEC idea, while doing as little as possible to develop it. So much for the biggest Asian trader.

How about APEC's newest and smallest American one, Chile? The Chileans have more claims than most to believe in free trade. But whether or not they eventually get into NAFTA, they are also looking toward their immediate neighbors in Mercosur, a grouping of 190 million people (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) with a combined GNP twice that of ASEAN and a decade further down the free trade road than ASEAN.

Mercosur countries have the Western Hemisphere's greatest growth potential, and do little of their trade with Asia. Their priority is arrangements with NAFTA and with Andean neighbours. The three NAFTA members are likely to feel the same way.

Meanwhile, the Asia-Pacific talk ignores realities in the other direction — the other half of Asia west of the Andaman Sea. Like South America, its trade is quite small. However, things are changing rapidly there as in Latin America and, more tentatively, in former Soviet bloc countries.

The interests of all parties concerned with free trade must be to ensure global commitments to more open markets and not ones which, if only by implication, leave out the newcomers.

As for the United States itself, political realities at home and in Asia are gradually impinging on its rosy notions of a trans-Pacific community. For one, the enormity of its trade deficit with China will dawn soon.

The problem is not so much the size of the gap (\$30 billion this year) as the ratio of imports to exports — almost four to one. Why the United States should buy so much from a still largely closed economy when it exports so little to China is a source of wonderment to non-Americans — and perhaps also to Messrs. Gingrich, Helms & Co.

Despite all the fuss over China, it is a far less important market for the United States than is Mexico, and no more so than Brazil. Given the sensitivity of employment and migration relations with Mexico, why not buy Latin shirts and toys, not (Communist) Chinese ones?

The Asia-Pacific has been the fastest growing area of trade in the past two decades, but one should not automatically assume that it inevitably will be in the

next two. Part of the boom is overstated by double and triple counting as components are made in one or several countries and assembled in yet another before being shipped to America.

Another part is attributable to access to the U.S. market. Although trade barriers in Asia are declining, markets for finished goods are mostly heavily protected in one way or another.

Meanwhile, the United States is no longer as welcome in Asia as it once was. Its military presence is comforting, but reluctance to get too close is growing, as evidenced by Thai unwillingness to act as a storehouse for supplies.

Fierce attacks on American values by countries highly dependent on its markets and manufacturing investment is souring pan-Pacific relations — as is the sometimes knee-jerk U.S. approach to human rights issues.

There is of course a parallel gradual disengagement of the United States from post-Cold War Europe. But America is not seeking to take a leading part in any new trans-Atlantic group.

The logic of the U.S. trade position should be to keep a balance between Asia, Europe and the Americas in the general context of open trade. This is best done at the global level.

If a choice has to be made, the Americas will come first, partly because of domestic political considerations and partly because Asia is a complex set of individual relationships with major countries — China, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia etc. — that cannot be dealt with under an APEC umbrella.

As for the smaller countries of the region, they will naturally prefer smaller groupings with more comparable economies, whether in ASEAN or even in President Ramos's little EAGA.

In the long run, APEC could prove worse than irrelevant. It is already highlighting differences of perception between East Asia and North America. At a time when the U.S. public appears to be turning inward, it is distracting attention from real trade issues toward photo opportunities.

Ironically, if the United States does get its act together, starts saving money, cutting its deficits, taking a big stick to those who pay lip service to open markets but practice mercantilism, the main sufferers will be those who have benefited so much from North American worship of the consumer: the Asian exporters who jeer at American values.

Those who meet in Miami — democratic, market-oriented and with the ghost of Yankee imperialism exorcised — found a greater sense of common identity, self-interest and possibly values than the Bogor group will ever muster.

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Norwegians Choose to Stay Different

By Geir Lundestad

OSLO — Norway is different. While the European Union is expanding to include 15 nations, and most countries in Eastern Europe are eager to join, Norway has snubbed the Union for the second time.

Last month's referendum was arranged so that we would vote after the other Scandinavians. Compared with 1972, this led to a mere 1 percent increase in support for the "yes" side.

Norwegians' opposition to the European Union is not hard to explain. Geographically, the concept of integration has spread from Central Europe toward the periphery. Except for Iceland, a kind of distillation of the "no" faction in Norway, Norway has been oriented more toward the Atlantic and less toward the Continent than its Nordic neighbors.

Our history is an even more important factor. Norway is a young nation. "Union" is a dirty word, conjuring up 500 years of unequal union with Denmark and Sweden. On the Continent, on the other hand, it is an honorable word used in connection with efforts for integration, large and small.

It is important that Norway did not become independent until 1905 and that nationalism was strengthened rather than weakened during World War II.

Finland and most of the East European countries are even younger than Norway, but in their cases nationalism and enthusiasm for the Union go hand in hand. With the demise of the Soviet Union and the weakening of Russia, they can finally make their own choices. EU membership is a matter of defending themselves against a possible new Russian threat.

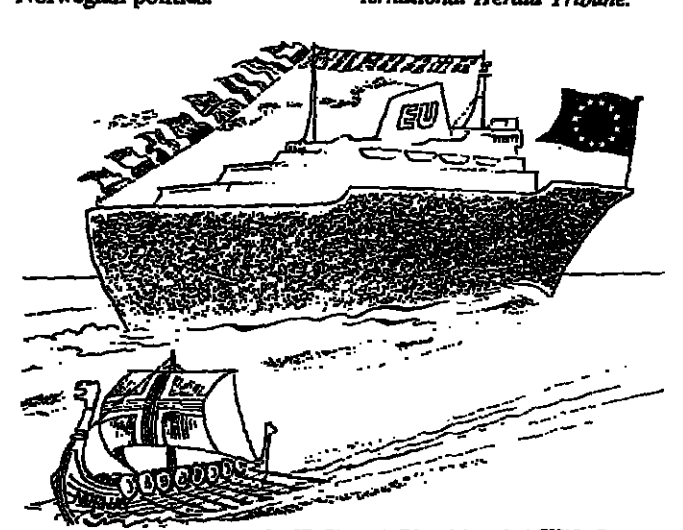
Norway chose to join NATO in 1949. Our security problem was thus solved, and this important dimension is largely eliminated from the debate.

With our oil and gas resources, the Norwegian economy is one of Europe's strongest. In Sweden, Finland and the East European countries, EU membership is expected to solve major economic problems.

The nature of the Norwegian economy is also unusual. It consists partly of extremely international sectors (oil, gas and shipping) which also do well outside the European Union. Its industrial sector, which probably would reap the greatest

benefits from membership, is relatively weak. Due to solid opposition from farmers and fishermen who, for obvious reasons, fear external competition, the economic factor was a far less clear reason for voting "yes" than elsewhere in Europe.

Norwegians also differ on the political-cultural level. The concept of equality is probably stronger here than in any other country. The so-called counter-cultures are weaker than they used to be, but they continue to represent an important force in Norwegian politics.



By BERNDT in De Telegraaf (Amsterdam). CAV Syndicate

A Lesson in Saving the Countryside

NORWEGIANS were more afraid of losing their farms than their city jobs. There was a recognition that 45,000 small farmers are the roots that nourish rural Norway. Take away the farmers scratching a living from smallholdings in the bleak floors of the fjord lands and an essential part of Norway dies.

The farmers were the locomotive of the "no" campaign. They underwrote much of the advertising and took time out to march on Oslo.

High costs, poor land and a harsh climate would have made Norwegian produce hopelessly inefficient in the European market. As the Highlands are to Scotland, so the fjord districts are to Norway. The Center (Farmers) Party leader, Anne Enger Lahnstein, struck a chord among many Norwegians when

she spoke of the unconscious way the European Union is busting countries down a blind alley where the cost of everything is made clear but the real value of society is obscured.

The farmers say they have sounded a warning for EU smallholders: sooner or later the Common Agricultural Policy will collapse and take them down with it. Norway, in choosing to protect its farmers, has stood up for cultural values above and beyond profit-and-loss economics.

This may not be the wealthier way; it may cost a great deal. But Norway will stand there like a billboard flashing this message: "And now for something completely different."

— Jonathan Magnus Ledgard, commenting from Stavanger, Norway, for the International Herald Tribune

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Scandals in Rome

PARIS — [The Herald says in an editorial:] Scandals are everywhere. The affair of the Banca Romana has been revived by the communication to a Parliamentary Committee of documents which had been kept back at the time of the investigation. The question which excites the Italian political world is: who are the personages compromised by these documents? The moral of this history is that disgraceful business is going on almost everywhere in the world which touches both on politics and business. None but ambitious people pretend to believe that the evil is peculiar to our times.

1919: A Joyless Havana?

NEW YORK — Not content with making the United States dry, the Prohibitionists are now

planning a campaign against Havana. With no racing and no drink in America, there is a move to make Havana the wettest spot on earth and the Monte Carlo of the Western Hemisphere. It is to take the joy out of this Cuban city, which is only four hours by boat from Key West and two days from New York, that the Prohibitionists are now working.

1944: Mystery Defense

PARIS — [From our New York edition:] The Germans were disclosed today [Dec. 13] to have thrown a new "device" into the war — mysterious silvery balls which float in the air. Pilots report seeing these objects, both individually and in clusters, in forays over the Reich. It is possible that the craft represent a new anti-air weapon. This dispatch was heavily censored at Supreme Headquarters.



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OPINION

A Scorching Battle of Ideas, And Democrats Just Watch

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — Michael Horowitz, a former Reagan budget official now with the Hudson Institute, offers the provocative suggestion that, even with President Bill Clinton in office, the Republican Party has become the dominant party in America, because, he says, it is the place where the battle of ideas is taking place.

Recalling the work of the late Samuel Lubell, a shrewd observer of mid-20th century politics, Mr. Horowitz says he agrees with Mr. Lubell's contention that the two parties are rarely at parity. One sets the tone, the other reacts. The meaningful policy debates almost always take place within the prevailing party.

If that is a good criterion, then there is a powerful case to be made for the Republican Party as the "sun" in the current political solar system, to use Mr. Lubell's metaphor.

The president is preparing his 1995 agenda and the policy-making wheels are spinning inside the White House and the Office of Management and Budget. The Democratic Leadership Council, which Mr. Clinton headed before his 1992 campaign, has offered up a serious 10-point domestic and international program which the president last week praised as a base for his own forthcoming proposals.

But all this is reactive to the Republican "Contract With America," the manifesto for the most successful Republican congressional campaign in a generation. The contract was a strong policy document, outlining positions on issues that Republicans have been arguing vigorously for years.

The debates began even before Ronald Reagan became president, when the supply-side insurgents challenged the views of conventional conservatives and converted the Republican Party to a doctrine of continually cutting marginal tax rates. The argument was broadened to include everything from "star wars" to New Federalism during the years of the Reagan presidency.

But when George Bush succeeded Mr. Reagan, the fire seemed to vanish from Republican policy debates. The Bush team provided managerial efficiency in foreign affairs, but it left a large vacuum in domestic policy, which Mr. Clinton and his colleagues in the Democratic Leadership Council sought to fill.

Their struggle to define what a New Democrat is produced interesting ideas, some of them — a national service program, direct loans to college students — included in Mr. Clinton's first-year program.

But budgetary and political constraints forced shrinkage or postponement of many of the bolder ideas. A restructuring of welfare and job training programs was pushed off the agenda by a health policy initiative that proved to be an indigestible stew of ideas, not a breakthrough.

The Republicans have been remarkably swift in seizing the opportunity Mr. Clinton and the Democrats left open. While deftly sabotaging several of Mr. Clinton's initiatives and stigmatizing others, they have been honing their own ideas, helped by conservative think tanks with financing from corporate America and wealthy givers.

Many of the ideas are controversial, even within Republican ranks. The balanced-budget constitutional amendment commands broad support, but there is division over whether it should guarantee, in its own text, that federal costs will not be pushed off onto the states.

The term-limits constitutional amendment is even more divisive. Among proponents, there is an emotional dispute whether House members should be limited to six years service or 12, as senators would be. Even more interesting is the emergence of a challenge from credentialed conservatives who question the whole concept as an infringement on voters' freedom of choice.

A third, constitutional amendment proposing prayer in public schools is being pressed by Representative Newt Gingrich, House speaker-designate, but is staunchly opposed by key Senate Republicans.

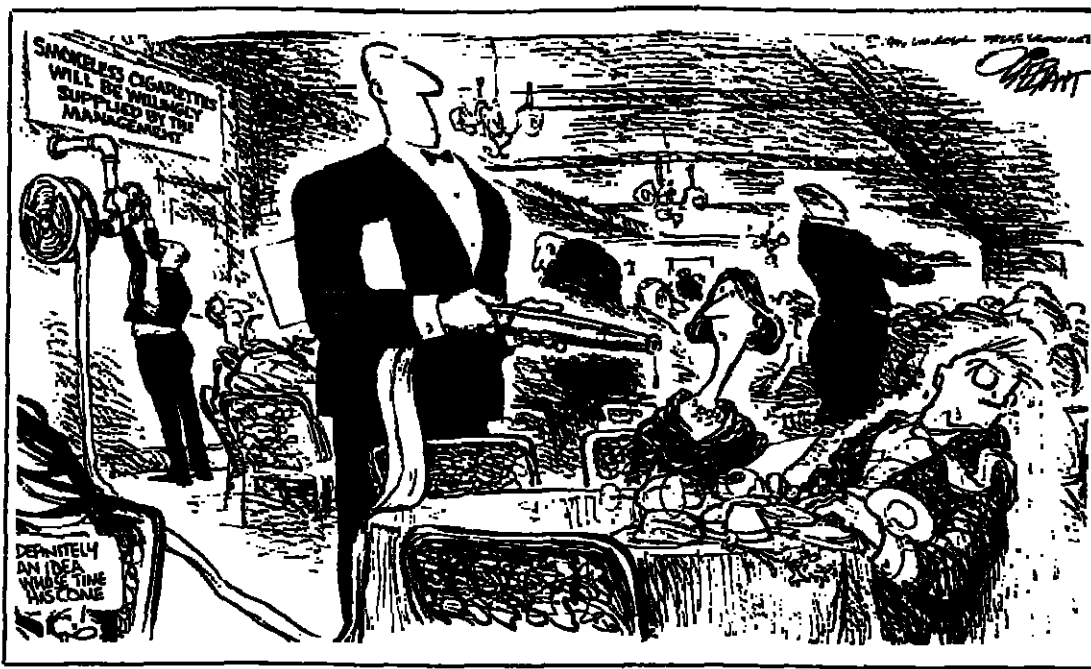
Some Republicans want Congress to rewrite the rules on welfare. Others want to take the federal government out of the picture and let each state handle welfare as it deems best.

On budget and tax issues, some Republicans see opportunities for significant savings in the Pentagon budget. Others insist that defense is undernourished.

On immigration policy, the real debate has been taking place among Republicans, with Governor Pete Wilson of California favoring a cut-off of health and education benefits to illegal immigrants, while Jack Kemp and Bill Bennett are opposed.

The Republicans are not similarly engaged on health care or on measures to rebuild workers' confidence in their economic future. But Democrats can take little comfort. On many of the issues that voters care most about, the Republicans are hogging the debate — giving them a grip on the political future.

The Washington Post



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peace, War, Appeasement

Regarding "On Bosnia, Washington Should Stop Deferring to London and Paris" (Opinion, Nov. 29) by Adrian Hastings, Norman Stone, Mark Almond, Noel Mulcahy and Branka Mogyor:

There are serious moral, political and strategic arguments for lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia — especially now that the authorizations to the United Nations and NATO to use force in response to attacks on the safe areas have been followed by such patently inadequate practice. However, the five writers arguing for an end to the embargo simplify the argument when they speak of the arms embargo's "flimsy legal basis."

In fact, the UN Security Council's repeated reaffirmations of its original 1991 arms embargo Resolution 713 show that the Security Council, rightly or wrongly, made a conscious decision to continue to apply the arms embargo in new circumstances where, as it was obviously aware, the old unified Yugoslavia no longer existed. That decision, even though it is in tension with the right of states to self-defense, does have a legal basis in the UN Charter.

On a separate point, the same five writers attribute to three colleagues and myself, writing in your columns, the view that "establishing Bosnia as an independent state was wrong." ("Prevent a Return to All-Out War in Ex-Yugoslavia," Nov. 16, by Adam Roberts, John Chipman, Philip H. Gordon and Mats Berdal). That is not what we said. We wrote that Bosnia was "prematurely born" and we cast doubt on whether it can function in its formal but uncon-

trolled borders. It is obvious and impressive that many of its inhabitants — Serbs and Croats as well as Muslims — have supported the state of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and have done so in extraordinarily difficult circumstances. Bosnia has many achievements to its credit, political and military. We did feel it right, however, to draw attention to the ground for doubt as to whether the whole of Bosnia, in its old frontiers, can be put together again.

ADAM ROBERTS,
Oxford, England.

Regarding "To Understand Bosnia" (Letters, Dec. 2):

T. G. L. Thirkell writes that the United States, in light of its own "ethnic cleansing" and land grabbing in the 19th century, should understand Europe's role in Bosnia and should not force solutions on Europeans. However, more recent history — World War I and World War II, for instance — suggests that, left on its own, Europe is not capable of resolving its own problems. It is better for the United States to push Europe now to stop appeasing the Serbs than to risk greater problems in the future.

ED PENTZ,
London.

The Serbs, far from wanting to reunite a nation, merely want to protect their own people from once more being subjected to the hostile ethnic groups that kept them in a state of serfdom for centuries.

The Serbs observed a cease-fire for months, but as victors on the battlefield they obviously did not feel they should accept a peace plan that had

been dictated to them by outsiders unable or unwilling to enforce it.

In their view the war was precipitated by the Bosnian Muslims when they declared Bosnia independent without the consent of the Serbs.

President Bill Clinton's talk of lifting the arms embargo was a clear signal that the United States had officially taken sides. As a result, the Bosnian Muslims reopened hostilities with a thrust from Bihac. The Serbs counterattacked, and military logic would no doubt demand that they take the staging area of the Muslims' assault.

RAINER ESSLER,
Avignon, France.

Norway: Who Wanted What

Francis M. S. Pele (Letters, Dec. 2) writes that the message of the Norwegian popular rejection of European Union membership is similar to that which he claims should be taken from the U.S. midterm elections: "Shrink government, and leave us alone to get on with our lives."

This flies in the face of the reality of the Norwegian debate. It was not the conservative political forces that said no to the EU; it was the socialist and centrist-agrarian factions which persuaded Norwegians that the EU's dedication to unrestricted capitalism and big business would threaten Norwegian democracy, welfare, environmental regulations and food quality. As for the political philosophy represented by American conservative Republicans, I happily report that such can hardly be said to exist here.

ROBERT MARSALIS,
Oslo.

No Sentiment, Please, We're In the Process of Interaction

By Kay S. Hymowitz

NEW YORK — Teaching teenagers about masturbation, the issue that led to the dismissal of Joycelyn Elders as U.S. surgeon general, is a howling example of bringing coals to Newcastle.

But as the smoke clears from this latest skirmish in the culture wars, we would do well to rethink the terms of the debate.

Condom distribution and "safe sex" curriculums that include explicit instruction in subjects like

"skills" required by today's healthy teenager: refusal skills, communication skills, decision-making skills, condom skills and, evidently, masturbation skills.

"We taught them what to do in the front seat of a car," Dr. Elders once said. "Now it's time to teach them what to do in the back seat."

Codes dealing with sexual harassment and with speech and sex on campus support a similar idea.

Reducing the most intimate of human relations to the terms of an apartment lease, the infamous Antioch College sexual offense policy epitomizes the new bureaucratic, technical sexuality: "Obtaining consent is an ongoing process in any sexual interaction," the code asserts without irony. "Verbal consent should be obtained with each new level of physical and/or sexual conduct in any given interaction."

Deprived of any ideal by which to imagine sex except as a negotiated contract for mutual self-expression, kids today would seem to have only one reason to say no: health.

In a 1993 poll for Good Housekeeping and CBS, teenagers were asked to give reasons not to have sex. Eighty-five percent mentioned fear of AIDS or pregnancy; 4 percent said "not being in love."

"Doing it," the popular term for intercourse, is a perfect emblem for the ethos of deromanticized sex. The lover — a word that seems a senile, mumbling old lady in this brave new world — is reduced to a throwaway object for relief of an annoying itch. The better students have learned to ape their elders' lessons, with even more precision. According to Marian Jensen, dean of students at Antioch, wine and candlelight have been replaced by this seductive come-on: "Would you like to activate the policy?"

All societies have artificial moral codes to tame and describe eros. But surely this is the first generation in history to learn the lessons of love from lawyers, health professionals and bureaucrats.

Those lessons evoke a joyless and narcissistic sexuality — without romance, without imagination, without idealism and without passion.

"We in America have tried ignorance," said Dr. Elders. "Now it's time to try education."

If this is education, I'll take ignorance.

The writer is a contributing editor of the Manhattan Institute's City Journal. She contributed this comment to The New York Times.

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China Bars U.S. Aide Who Went To Taiwan

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China has canceled a planned visit by Transportation Secretary Federico F. Peña to protest his trip last week to Taiwan. He had been scheduled to visit China Jan. 7-20.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday that Mr. Peña violated the agreements that established U.S.-China relations in 1979 by visiting Taiwan and "aroused strong displeasure within China."

"Under such circumstances, it is hard for us to receive Mr. Peña in January," the spokesman said. "Visits and exchanges of other senior officials of China and the United States will continue."

Beijing insists that the United States have only unofficial contacts with Taiwan.

Despite the Peña flap, China continues to maintain that high-level exchanges with the United States should be strengthened, the spokesman said.

China voiced "firm opposition and strong displeasure" when Mr. Peña paid a three-day visit to Taiwan and promised closer ties with Washington.

Mr. Peña was only the second cabinet-level official to visit Taiwan since Washington switched diplomatic recognition to Beijing in 1979. His visit followed a U.S. decision to modestly upgrade relations in recognition of Taiwan's economic and democratic development.

Beijing regards Taiwan as a renegade province and objects to governments sending high-level visitors there.



The Chechen separatist leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, whose forces are battling Russian troops.

Russians Move to Isolate Rebel Capital

By Steven Erlanger
New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Fighting intensified Tuesday in the secessionist Chechnya republic as Russian troops moved to surround and seal off the capital, Grozny.

President Boris N. Yeltsin ordered the invasion of Chechnya early Sunday, in the name of defending the unity of the Russian state. Russian troops have moved toward Grozny in three columns while Interior Ministry troops have tried to seal Chechnya's borders, hoping to prevent any new influx of arms.

Russian officials maintain that their troops will not move to seize Grozny, a city of 400,000 people, but only to besiege and isolate it as talks to try to settle the conflict continue slowly in the nearby North Ossetian town of Vladikavkaz.

The fighting was concentrated within 16 to 25 kilometers (10 to 15 miles) of Grozny, around a military airfield and a village that holds high ground overlooking the capital. The Chechens attacked Russian soldiers with a few tanks and ground-to-ground Grad missile launchers, while the Russians struck back with artillery, tank fire, assault helicopters and fighter-bombers.

With reports of 10 Russian soldiers dead and at least 14 wounded since the invasion, the Russian Parliament overwhelmingly passed a resolution Tuesday night criticizing President Boris N. Yeltsin's use of the army to handle the Chechnya problem.

But the resolution, passed by 289 to 4 with one abstention, declared that Chechnya is an "inalienable part of the territory of the Russian Federation, where the constitution and laws of the Russian Federation must be effective," and did not try to order Mr. Yeltsin to withdraw Russian troops.

The resolution asked Mr. Yeltsin and the government to use "all available political and legal means" to stop the military struggle, and to prevent the infiltration of arms and soldiers into the territory from neighboring states in the northern Caucasus.

The parliamentary debate was harshly critical of Mr. Yeltsin, but the vote was a kind of victory for him. Three years ago, when Chechnya first declared its independence, Mr. Yeltsin issued a state of emergency and sent a much smaller contingent of troops there. The former Russian Parliament demanded that the troops be pulled back, and Mr. Yeltsin complied.

But the resolution Tuesday night was more careful and did not confront Mr. Yeltsin with a demand he could not now meet. While the more liberal deputies have broken with Mr. Yeltsin on Chechnya, and the Communist Party attacked him for abuse of power, he found support Tuesday from the ultra-nationalist party of Vladimir V. Zhirinovskiy and the centrist Women of Russia party.

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ITALY: Fissures in Ruling Coalition Widen as Magistrates Interrogate Berlusconi for 7 Hours

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a farce, the prime minister was the "co-median in chief."

Mr. Berlusconi was interviewed Tuesday by a trio of investigators led by Francesco Saverio Borrelli, the magistrate whose team has, in almost three years, interrogated thousands of businessmen and politicians embroiled in the scandals that finally brought down the country's postwar political giants.

Against the political backdrop of tension and uncertainty, though, the out-

come of the interrogation by the magistrates seemed to hold little importance for his coalition allies.

"A government crisis is certain," Mr. Bossi said in Milan late Monday. "And in less than a month you'll feel the first stirrings of the Second Republic. It will be the end of Berlusconi."

Mr. Bossi, a firebrand northern federalist, has assailed Mr. Berlusconi virtually from the moment the tycoon took power after elections in March that many Italians hoped would produce a

new era but which now seem to have led only to a tangle of confusion. "The principal source of our trouble is that we buried a republic without building another," the Corriere della Sera newspaper said.

And remarks Tuesday by Giuseppe Tatarella, a deputy prime minister and senior figure in the neofascist National Alliance, only deepened the sense of foreboding.

The Alliance has been consistently loyal to the prime minister, but even as

Mr. Berlusconi was being interrogated, Mr. Tatarella was asked by reporters when the government parties would meet, in Italian political parlance, to "verify" the viability of their coalition.

Additionally, the formerly Communist Democratic Party of the Left and other opposition groups withdrew on Tuesday most of their objections in the upper house of Parliament to next year's budget legislation — a move that Mr. Berlusconi would once have welcomed.

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nulment is the only option for dissolving a matrimony.

Mr. Salvador fed the rumor mills last month by petitioning a Manila court to annul his 1975 marriage to Maria Asuncion Dabao, who now lives in the United States with their three children, the oldest of whom is a 19-year-old university student. Mr. Salvador told the court he had been estranged from his wife for 10 years and was no longer "capable of complying with the essential obligations of the marriage."

Mr. Salvador and Miss

Aquino met earlier this year on the set of the Tagalog-language movie "Nandito Ako" ("I'm Here") and began dating secretly. But the secret was soon plastered all over Manila's newspapers when the actor confessed at an emotional news conference that he was in love with Miss Aquino and had ditched his mistress, the former starlet Vivilyn Dunga, 24, with whom he has a 2-year-old girl.

Like Mr. Salvador, Kris Aquino has been no stranger to controversy. After her mother triumphed over the dictatorship of President Ferdinand Marcos in the 1986 revolution, Miss Aquino had no trouble landing roles — much to her mother's consternation. Her movies were hits with young fans but drew what can only be charitably called mixed reviews from critics. One of them once described her as "spectacularly untalented."

Friends of the Aquino family say the headstrong Miss Aquino takes after her father, the opposition politician Benigno S. Aquino Jr., who was assassinated by soldiers loyal to Mr. Marcos in 1983.

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slowdown in 1993 and perhaps even a recession in 1996 should be taken very seriously.

The rapid growth this year proved even more surprising because the same forecasters who expected only modest gains also assumed that interest rates would be one and a half percentage points lower than today's figures.

With six interest-rate increases by the Federal Reserve this year, why has the gain in jobs and output picked up rather than slowed?

There are a variety of reasons, from more aggressive bank lending to the long lags between tighter money and reduced investment. But economists generally agree that the surge in output and employment was largely fueled by strong buying at home and abroad of America's increasingly competitive goods and services.

Consumers did more than their share, in large part because millions of homeowners fattened their wallets in recent years by refinancing mortgages to cut their monthly payments.

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Another key factor, said Richard F. Hokenson, an economist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, is that exceptionally large numbers of Americans are in their mid-20s, a stage of life in which households are formed at a rapid pace and credit-card bills are run up to the top.

The less widely heralded kick to economic growth is exports. Merchandise exports constitute about 10 percent of output. With merchandise exports now growing at a remarkable 15 percent annual pace, Mr. Mellman of Morgan Guaranty pointed out, the export boom is contributing one and a half percentage points to the overall economic growth rate of about 4 percent.

Some growth for American exports was expected as the big industrial economies climbed out of recession. But the early exit from the downturn and the rapid pace of economic growth in Europe and Canada, averaging more than 3 percent, has far exceeded consensus forecasts.

While exports should keep rising, it would take exceptional circumstances to match the current pace of export growth.

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was made clear in Mr. Kantor's letter.

Overall, the adoption of EU tariff levels would impose more than \$200 million in added duties on roughly \$3 billion of U.S. exports to the three countries, according to U.S. estimates. European officials contest those estimates as being high.

Other sectors that would be hit hard include chemicals, on which Washington estimates duties would rise by \$80 million, and many farm goods like rice, on which tariffs would soar from a mere \$3.50 a ton to the Union's prohibitive 650 European Currency Units (about \$780).

EU officials said Tuesday that they were seeking to reach an interim agreement on concessions to compensate the United States for the higher tariffs from Jan. 1. But they said compensation for higher chip tariffs would not necessarily come on other electronic goods, as the United States and its industry is demanding.

The Next Primate of Ireland

The Associated Press

DUBLIN — A parish priest who served more than a decade in Rome has been chosen to be the next Roman Catholic primate of Ireland. Church officials announced Tuesday that Monsignor Sean Brady, parish priest in Ballyhaunis in County Cavan, had been appointed coadjutor archbishop of Armagh, a position that holds an automatic right of succession to archbishop.

CASTRO: No Fan of Capitalism, Cuba's Isolated President Still Warm to Better Economic Relations With U.S.

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room. To his right sat a good friend, the Colombian novelist Gabriel Garcia Marquez, who one night at the height of the refugee crisis spent an evening in Martha's Vineyard, off Massachusetts, talking politics, Faulkner and Cuba with Mr. Clinton.

Across the table at one end was Ricardo Alarcon, Cuba's lead negotiator in the talks that produced an agreement with the Clinton administration to stop the exodus. At the other, was José Antonio Arbesu, the Communist Party's chief expert on U.S. affairs and Mr. Alarcon's senior deputy in his talks.

Covering their bets, Mr. Castro and his aides also asked after the new speaker of the House. Where was it that Newt Gingrich had gone to college? And what about the political future of the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin L. Powell?

Mr. Castro made no effort to disguise his real concern. He seemed troubled by the Republicans' sweeping victory in the Nov. 8 election, less out of any affinity for Mr. Clinton than from a fear that the end of the U.S. embargo might have been pushed further into the future.

The refugees who fled Cuba in homemade rafts over the summer did not leave for political reasons, he insisted once again: they

The New Old Kirov



A scene from the Kirov's staging of Tchaikovsky's "Queen of Spades," with Irina Bogacheva as the Countess.

By David Stevens
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — The opening of the wall between East and West has sent out shock waves in the musical world, not the least being the revelation (in the West) of the opera company of the Kirov/Maryinsky Theater of St. Petersburg as being one of Europe's most enterprising and musically solid troupes.

Perhaps this should not be a surprise, but while the Kirov Ballet has been spreading the theater's name around the world since 1961, Russian opera was represented to the world mainly by Moscow's Bolshoi.

That this troupe currently seems to be the strongest in Russia is due largely to its vigorous 41-year-old music director, Valery Gergiev. After several years conducting in the house, Gergiev took over the top post in 1988, and when the rules of the game changed he hit the ground running.

With extensive touring and an ambitious audio-video recording contract with a major company (Philips), the company seems to be traversing the heavy economic waters more successfully than the ailing Bolshoi.

The dual nomenclature of Kirov and Maryinsky is transitional, for maximum brand-name recognition. The Maryinsky, built in 1860, was named for Maria Alexandrovna, wife of Alexander II. St. Petersburg was the musical and political capital, and the Maryinsky was the house of Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, and Petipa and his dancers.

In 1933, it was renamed for Sergei Kirov, Communist Party secretary of Leningrad, assassinated the previous year. But Leningrad has become St. Petersburg again, and the Kirov label will gradually be dropped, Gergiev said when he met the press here recently.

The company's opera and ballet troupes are midway through a two-month tour, the key part being the first installment of a long-range "residency" arrangement with the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées.

Two aspects of its season here are striking. One is that this is a real company, sharing language and style and composed of artists used to performing together, a phenomenon largely mongrelized out of existence in the West. The other is the heavy presence of Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, with "Sadko" and "Kitezh." This is the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth; no anniversary is needed in Russia.

Opera from St. Petersburg brings Russian tradition with a capital T.

where most of his 15 operas are repertory items, but they are real rarities in the West.

All four operas given here are described as "new productions," but this term has to be understood in a particular way. In each case the accent was not on novelty, but on tradition with a capital T. All four are staples of the Russian repertory, three of them had their world premieres at the Maryinsky, and what was on offer here was operatic history, not some eccentric updating of it.

Thus, the delicious fairy-tale sets and costumes for "Sadko" are based on the 1920 designs of Konstantin Korovin. "The Legend of the Invisible City of Kitezh and the Maiden Fevronia," to use the full name, is staged by the dancer-choreographer Andris Liepa, and the sets by Anatoli

Nezhny are a historic reconstruction of the 1907 premiere of this religious-pantheistic fantastic epic.

Mussorgsky's vast historical mural of political intrigue, "Khovanshchina," is in a production virtually identical to one done by the same team for the Bolshoi about 40 years ago, and seen in Paris on the Bolshoi's 1969-70 visit. Tchaikovsky's "Queen of Spades" is in a staging by Yuri Temirkanov, Gergiev's predecessor as the Kirov music director, and designed by Igor Ivanov. Both were effective and atmospheric, if not in the least innovative.

Among the singers, Galina Gorchakova in the major soprano roles and the mezzo-soprano Olga Borodina are stars, already in demand in the West. Larissa Diadkova sang strongly and gave character to the aged Countess in "Spades." A formidable bass lineup is headed by Bulat Minzhiliev, a powerful Ivan Khovansky, and Mikhail Kit, imposing as the fanatic Old Believer, Dosifei. Among the tenors, Gergam Grigoriantz hardly cuts a romantic figure on stage, but has an impressively controlled voice; Yuri Marusan was a convincing Hermann, no mean feat, and Vladimir Galusin went the route without flinching in Sadko's marathon duties. The list could be extended.

Future seasons here will give a better idea of the Maryinsky's range. At home the company performs an international repertory and, in the music of this century, reports of David Freeman's new staging of Prokofiev's "Fiery Angel" make it sound daring, while Gergiev argues the artistic merits of Shostakovich's "Katerina Ismailova," often considered a political revision of "Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk."

The trick now will be for Gergiev to maintain the company's unity of style while opening it up to new influences.

The Man Who Buries the Noise

By Mike Zwerin
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Scheduled to open next month, the Cité de la Musique is on a corner near the Porte de Pantin, one of the noisiest intersections in Paris — traffic jams, fire engines, construction crews, heavy commerce, kids playing, Parisians yelling at each other.

The Cité includes a concert hall, a library, an information center, offices, a museum, a restaurant, practice rooms and student studios joined together by an interior "Rue Musicale," for which Louis Dandrel is designing sound to bury the noise.

Dandrel's work is close to that of an acoustic engineer and an architect, though he is neither. Although he was program manager of the state radio station France Musique and founding manager of the monthly magazine Le Monde de la Musique, he is not a media mogul. For the past 10 years he has been the director of Espaces Nouveaux, a think tank funded by the French government, but he is no foundation maven. He teaches an urban sound anthropology course at the University of Paris but he is not an academic. A trained musician (Paris Conservatory), he refers to himself as a public composer and a sound designer.

He treats noise in the Cagney sense — John Cage said that all noise is musical if perceived musically. This includes coughing in concert halls and motorcycles revving up outside.

Doesn't new sound, designed or not, just add to the noise?

"They asked me to design an audio identity for this public indoor street joining the different portions of the building. I made five gongs, each one with a different harmonic series. They will ring at different times and the sounds roll along the curved walls like bubbles. On top of that



Louis Dandrel: Designing an "audio identity."

I made a cloud of sound with eight little bells fastened to the glass ceiling. So it becomes like a fugue. The street noise is my contrabass section, the bottom of the orchestra, the gongs are like brass and woodwinds and on top of that is delicate pianissimo veil, like strings.

He compared the experience to going into an air conditioned building. "Oh," you say. "It's nice and cool in here. I feel fresh." So he is not adding noise, he is redefining the place, reorganizing existing noise. The medium and low sounds, the urban noise, are grey. With them alone every day is a grey day. He doesn't erase them. The waves and the clouds will make the day sunnier.

Why build an environment dedicated to making music in such a location in the first place?

"Would you prefer apartment houses? Sound pollution is getting out of control. Jet planes break the sound barrier over the Eskimos and the Brazilian rain forest. There are ever increasing numbers of automobiles in the cities. There are the ghetto blasters. There's more

and more people and we're running out of room. The decibel count keeps rising. It is possible to organize urban sound more intelligently but unhappily there are not enough of us working in this domain."

DANDREL loves urban energy. City noise has a positive connotation. People creating things and relating to one another. He just wants a choice, the choice to take that crucial step "anywhere, anytime."

"Let's face it," he shrugs. "That's a bourgeois pleasure. Rich people can and do have that choice. Not poor people. There are something like 90 decibels in blue-collar working environments. Getting home, the level is not much lower. When they arrive, there are four kids screaming. They do not have the money for a nursery and a nanny. They bear the neighbors' argue at night through thin walls, they hear floor scraping on Sunday morning. There is always a hi-fi or a TV blasting away. They have no escape. There may be an auto-

oute nearby, have you noticed that autoroutes always run through poor neighborhoods? No wonder people turn violent so often."

The design of a building is rarely considered in relation to its sonorous environment, Dandrel says. In this sense architecture is still in the stone age. Sound pollution is not being dealt with adequately for the reason that most of the people responsible for solving the problem live in well-designed buildings on quiet streets. People live next to airports because they cannot afford to move. "In fact," Dandrel concludes, "there is no noise problem. There is only a money problem. What if we decided to leave the spaces around autoroutes and airports empty, for example?"

For five years, he's been working on that evil car-inventor, the telephone. It rings and you jump; you feel like ducking, like hunking it at the wall. Dandrel would prefer a "nice little ring, like your mother caresses you and whispers in your ear, wake up, darling. We're not slaves of telephones. Shouldn't it be more gentle with us? It can say, sweetly, 'Monsieur, you are wanted.'"

He is also working with SNCF, the French railroad system, redesigning their sound signals. He calls them "audio exclamation points." They attract your attention before the announcement of a stop or doors closing. These warnings sound very often; they have to be neutral, estimation points or pastimes. He is proposing a sort of calm, mid-range arpeggio. He played it on his piano. It is a B-flat minor 13th chord.

Why this particular one? "It's a calming timbre but it penetrates the ear. I hope it's an example of how sound can add to not subtract from the quality of life."

LONDON THEATER

'Oliver!' A Celebration of a Show

By Sheridan Morley
International Herald Tribune

LONDON — With \$12 million already in the box-office at the London Palladium, you'd be wise to start booking "Oliver!" tickets for next Christmas rather than this one: that theater may indeed need a new show before the turn of the century.

But in upgrading his own favorite musical from its original 1960 surroundings to the broad stage, Cameron Mackintosh has paid a price beyond that of the massive production.

This was always a chirrupy, sentimental selection of highlights from the novel, Dickens for the theme park rather than the intellect: yet Sean Kenny's revolutionary sets gave it a

grainy small-stage claustrophobia which, allied to Georgia Brown's heartbreaking Nancy, did at least add to some of the sugar. "Oliver!" was never exactly Brechtian, but what we get now is, in the wide-stage version, all too often a celebration of the show rather than the show itself.

Yet song after song still soars out of this classic Lionel Bart score, the best written in Britain in the quarter-century separating "Bless the Bride" from "Blood Brothers." Every number is both a hit and an old friend, and in this huge spectacle as coordinated by Sam Mendes the only other problem is that the show is stopped so often it never really has the chance to get fully started.

Jonathan Pryce has yet to take full measure of Fagin, taking ref-

uge from the shadows of Guinness and Moody in a rather gentle old soul who appears from the look of the set to be the avuncular manager of a timber factory run by militant midwinters. Miles Anderson is an equally unthreatening Bill Sykes, and most of the rest are amiable Dickensian caricatures.

Instead we get those dazzling numbers, Anthony Ward's Palladium-pantomime scenery, and performances to match. It is a joyous evening for family parties of all ages, but still not quite what it was.

In a highly Dickensian Christmas season for the London theater, brave is the team that goes back to him for the RSC. It was its Trevor Nunn/John Caird "Nicholas Nickleby" of 1980 which not only brought back the possibility of books on stage, but also opened up the reality of the broad-scale British musical for the first time.

All credit therefore to Ian Judge, always the most showbiz-oriented of the current RSC team of directors, and the adaptation skills of John Mortimer, for giving us this winter at the Barbican a new "Christmas Carol" which, like "Nickleby" but unlike "Oliver!" does in fact manage to tackle the entirety of the book and all its social and historical implications.

With this epic "Carol," the RSC has at last found its very own "Wind in the Willows," a seasonal treat which can come back into the repertoire Christmas after Christmas.

Clive Francis leads a huge cast, unable as was Dickens himself to explain where Scrooge comes from or what makes him so horrible at the outset and so scholastic by the close. Outside of Shakespeare, the RSC has always had trouble taking the measure of the main Barbican stage and the festive calendar: here at last, with a costume parade and the oldest of seasonal chestnuts in the fire, they have managed a lavish audience gift.

For his debut as a London director, the actor Nigel Hawthorne has chosen to revive and star in "The Clandestine Marriage," never the easiest of comedies since it was derived from a set of relatively undramatic Hogarth caricatures and written by a querulous couple (the actor David Garrick and the barrister George Colman) neither of whom ever quite seems to have had the same play in mind. Moreover it depends, if it is to rise above its own broken-backed plot, on a performance of tremendous and eccentric charisma from the actor playing Lord Ogleby.

But Hawthorne is an infinitely subtle player and has trouble with the sheer lunacy of the role, though his own production draws memorable ugly-sister sketches from Susan Engel and Deborah Findlay. It does not, however, make the case for a classic in need of revival.

At the Orange Tree in Richmond, a long overdue London premiere for "Flora the Red Menace," the off-Broadway musical that made a star of Liza Minnelli back in 1965 and established, pre-"Cabaret," the songwriting team of Kander & Ebb. The book here is just terrible, and most of the songs seem to be in the wrong places; but they are a fascinating curtain-raiser for the later work, and Sam Walters has discovered a feisty leading lady in Lucy Tregear.

The problem here is that David Thompson's much-revived book seems terminally unable to decide whether it is parodying or celebrating the Mercury Theatre/WPA workshop of the 1930s, and as a result no mood is ever set for long enough to make any real sense within the plot or the period: by the time they wrote "Cabaret" only a year later, the composers had learned enough for a lifetime.

BEST SELLERS

The New York Times
This list is based on reports from more than 2,000 bookstores throughout the United States. Weeks on list are not necessarily consecutive.

FICTION		
This Week	Last Week	Weeks on List
1 POLITICALLY CORRECT BEDTIME STORIES, by James Finn Garner	2	25
2 THE CELESTINE PROPELIER, by James Redfield	1	41
3 INSOMNIA, by Stephen King	3	18
4 DEBT OF HONOR, by Tom Clancy	5	5
5 WINGS, by Danielle Steel	4	3
6 THE LOTTERY WINNER, by Mary Higgins Clark	6	5
7 THE BRIDES OF MADISON COUNTY, by Robert James Waller	10	122
8 TALUS, by Anne Rice	7	10
9 GOD'S OTHER SON, by Don DeLillo	8	3
10 DARE, RIVERS OF THE HEART, by Dean Koontz	9	3
11 THE GIFT, by Danielle Steel	12	20
12 NOTHING LASTS FOREVER, by Sidney Sheldon	11	12
13 STAR TREK GENERATIONS, by J. M. Dillard	14	2
14 THE CHAMBER, by John Grisham	22	
15 MUTANT MESSAGE DOWN UNDER, by Mario Morgan	10	
NONFICTION		
1 CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF HOPE, by John Paul II	1	6
2 DON'T STAND TOO		

CLOSE TO A NAKED MAN, by Tim Allen	2	10
3 COUPLED, by Paul Reiser	3	14
4 JAMES HERRIOT'S CAT STORIES, by James Herriot	4	11
5 BARBARA BUSH: A Memoir, by Barbara Bush	6	13
6 DOLLY, by Dolly Parton	5	9
7 THE BELLY CURVE, by Richard J. Herrnstein and Charles Murray	5	6
8 THE BOOK OF VIRTUES, by William J. Bennett	8	51
9 THE HOT ZONE, by Richard Preston	7	9
10 MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL, by John Bernatti	13	40
11 CASSELL, by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns	15	10
12 ALL THE TROUBLE IN THE WORLD, by F. J. O'Rourke	12	7
13 NO ORDINARY TIME, by Don DeLillo	8	3
14 NICOLE BROWN SIMPSON, by Faye D. Resnick with NUS, by John Gray	10	6
15 THE WARREN BUFFETT WAY, by Robert G. Hagstrom	15	2
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1 MEN ARE FROM MARS, WOMEN ARE FROM VENUS, by John Gray	1	81
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BOOKS

THE GAS STATION IN AMERICA

By John A. Jakle and Keith A. Sculle. 272 pages. \$32.95. Johns Hopkins University Press.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley
YOUR \$32.95 for "The Gas Station in America" brings you two books for the price of one. The first is a competent if prosaic history that more or less delivers what the book's title promises. The second is an exercise in late 20th-century academic gobbledegook and solipsism so egregious as to leave the reader gasping for air.

Let's dispose of the first book first. John Jakle, a professor of geography at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, and Keith Sculle, head of research and education at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, have convinced themselves that the gasoline station is "an important icon of our

time not only for the student and scholar, but also for the general reader," which may sound fairly ludicrous unless one bears in mind that "icon" is a vogue word in the pop culture crowd these days.

Jakle and Sculle have researched the history of gas stations with a thoroughness that borders on obsession and narrate it in prose that serves as positive proof that too many authors spoil the book. They ask, "How does human agency play out through social structures to configure the built environment as meaningful place?"

This book is their answer to that question, or at least their attempt at an answer. To be sure, they are halfway through the book before they really get down to the business at hand. When we do get to gas stations — "roadside facilities specially designed to sell gasoline and other closely related products, such as lubricants, tires and batteries for the automobile" — the authors offer a bricks and mortar

analysis of nine "prevailing structural types."

"Gasoline station design," the authors inform us with a solemnity appropriate to their subject, "was not merely an accommodating of mechanical systems useful in dispensing petroleum products. Rather, companies staked their reputation on the images created." They did this "through what we call place-product packaging," which is a clumsy way of saying that the gas station's design is a form of advertising.

All of which may seem transparently and transcendently obvious, but one must never underestimate the academic's capacity to squeeze the etherial out of the mundane. "Gasoline stations, like everything else in the American scene, invite interpretation," the authors say. "As part of the American landscape they beg to be read for cultural and social meaning." The authors do not manage to extract a thimbleful of such meaning from the gas stations they celebrate, but in

today's climate the proclamation of meaning counts for more than the identification of it.

In this the authors are faithful to the dictates of the age. They are even more so in the opening chapter, where they ask another question: "To what extent did personal history or even personality rooted in childhood — help dictate research and writing interests?" And then proceed to answer it with extensive biographies of themselves. This is the latest academic rage, self-infatuation masquerading as scholarship, and in "The Gas Station in America" it achieves what is for the moment its apotheosis.

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Vienna: Austria's biggest ever computer contract goes to Siemens Nixdorf.

Siemens Nixdorf has been awarded the contract for the Austrian Labour Market Service (AMS) as the single source partner and prime contractor for an extensive outsourcing project. By 1997, according to the project, 114 provincial and regional offices and 31 employment information centers nationwide will have changed over to a new client-server system and will be integrated in an online Ethernet network. At 2.1 billion schillings (around US\$200 million), this is the largest IT contract ever awarded by the Austrian Republic, and represents a major order for Siemens Nixdorf's UNIX computers — a total of 220 RM400 and RM600 high-power computers are to be installed as local servers for 5,200 PCs, 3,400 printers and fully integrated self-service

terminals. With just a few keystrokes, the job seeker can access all the data in the computer system, not only details of job vacancies and training and re-training opportunities nationwide, but also background information on the economic state of the local job market or the state of the local housing market. This facility will soon cover the whole of Europe. The Siemens Nixdorf solution is open for connection to the "Eures" work placement system. Just how effectively Siemens Nixdorf solutions are working for employment authorities is demonstrated by similar facilities already operating in seven European countries, where the national average period of unemployment has decreased by two days, with commensurate savings on state unemployment benefits.



Brussels: X-Fire-CS on permanent emergency assignment for the Belgian Ministry of Internal Affairs.

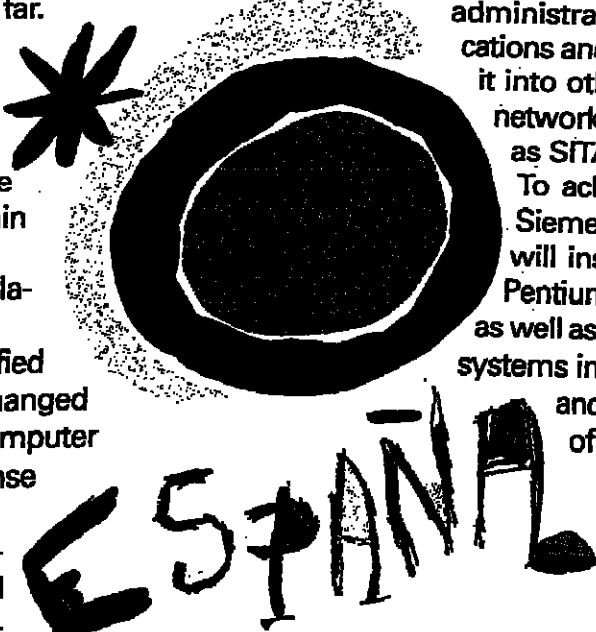
Fast, reliable and compatible — Siemens Nixdorf's new open systems policy has convinced the Belgian Ministry of Internal Affairs. To enhance the exchange of information via the "National Information Network for Fire and Rescue Services" (RINSIS), the Ministry placed an order for RM computer technology on an open UNIX system basis. In future the system will link the Government's coordination center with 450 workstations at regional and local emergency call reception points, fire services, and civil defence and rescue organizations throughout Belgium — nationally via Bernicom, the Belgian military network, via X.25, and locally via Ethernet. With the combined power from RM computers and workstations and the X-Fire-CS solution intervention management and control system, when an

emergency occurs, RINSIS can be used to immediately activate the required countermeasures, and for total coordination of emergency measures on the spot. What sort of emergency is involved? Fire, flood, road accident or chemical spillage? Are there casualties? What is the best strategy to deal with the disaster and rescue and shelter the victims? All these questions can be quickly clarified with X-Fire-CS, ensuring that the right emergency resources arrive at the scene of the event, fully informed and with the right equipment. RM computers form the cornerstone of the network. They provide all the required data — quickly, and extremely reliably, thanks to special fail-safe facilities. They ensure that, with RINSIS, the data processing operation runs flawlessly and without panic.

Madrid: The nationwide flight information network from Siemens Nixdorf is cleared for take-off.

Siemens Nixdorf has landed a contract with AENA (Aeropuertos Nacionales y Navegación Aérea), implementing the largest flight-safety communications system in Spain based on X.400 standards — at nine airports so far.

Major expansion of the network is envisaged for next year. Airports are able to communicate with each other within seconds via E-mail. Data on flight cancellations, delays, earlier arrival times or modified light routes are exchanged from computer to computer to allow rapid response on the ground. High-speed computers provide supersonic speed for the communication channels: nine Pentium PCs as servers for the local networks at the airports and two RM computers installed in the central AENA service points connected with all airports. Efficient, fast and easy to operate with Windows — these were the features that convinced AENA. It is planned to extend the solution by additional commercial and administrative applications and to integrate it into other airport networks such as SITA and AFTN. To achieve this, Siemens Nixdorf will install new Pentium computers as well as 17 RM400 systems in the second and third phases of the venture.



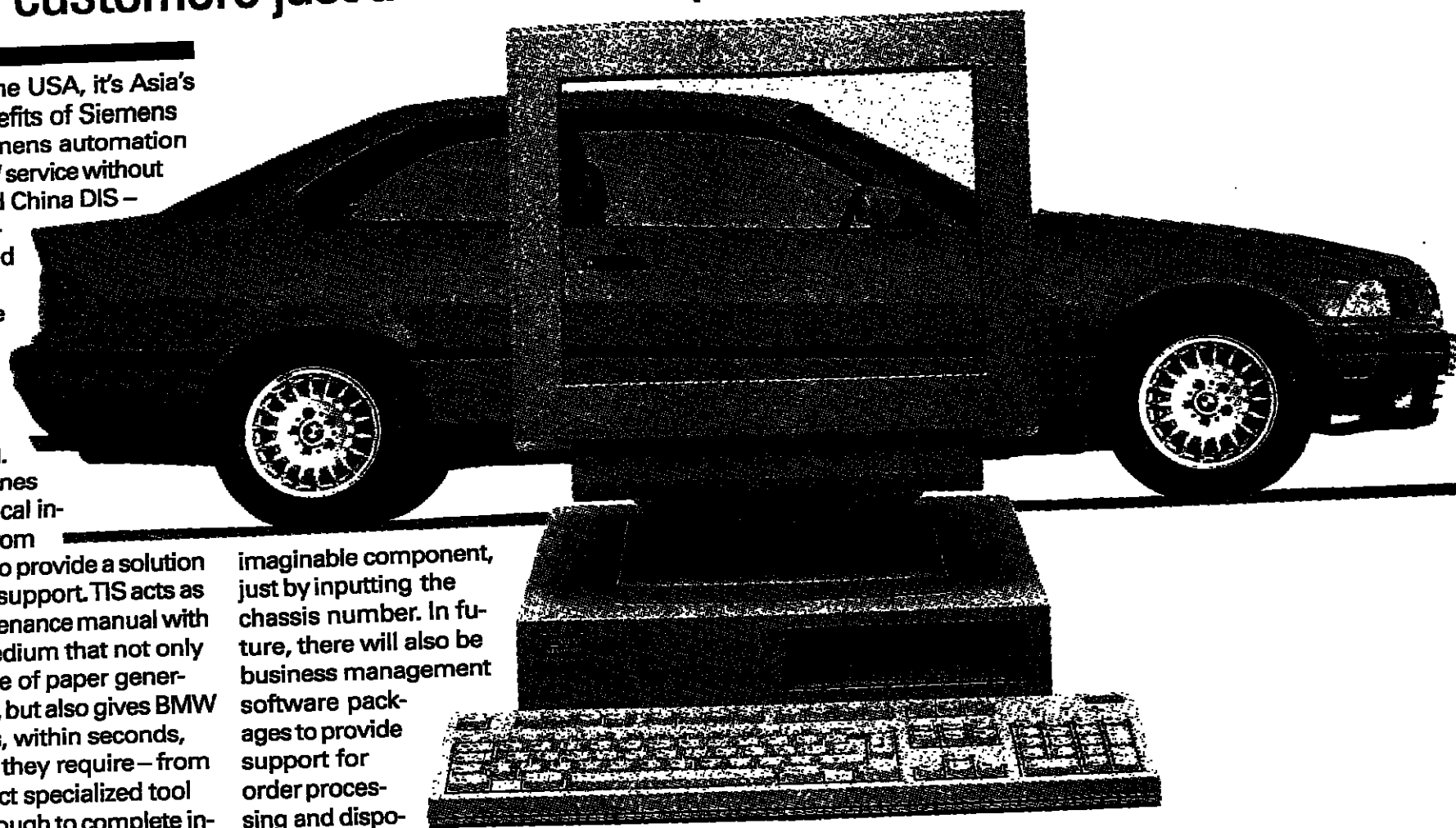
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Munich: Siemens Nixdorf makes service for BMW customers just a matter of a quick pit stop.

After Europe and the USA, it's Asia's turn to get the benefits of Siemens Nixdorf IT and Siemens automation technology for BMW service without delays. In Japan and China DIS - the Siemens Automation diagnosis and information system to identify possible problem areas, in conjunction with onboard diagnosis in each BMW - is also being tested. This system combines with TIS, the technical information system from Siemens Nixdorf, to provide a solution for efficient service support. TIS acts as an electronic maintenance manual with a CD-ROM data medium that not only reduces the volume of paper generated to a minimum, but also gives BMW service technicians, within seconds, all the information they require - from details of the correct specialized tool to be used right through to complete instructions on repair and installation. The two systems can be integrated into a single comprehensive retailer information system - with other Siemens Nixdorf components such as the Electronic Parts Catalog (EPC) with data stored and ready for queries on every

imaginable component, just by inputting the chassis number. In future, there will also be business management software packages to provide support for order processing and disposition. The introduction of this UNIX solution in Japan and China will mean that, by the end of 1994, there will be around 2,500 DIS, TIS and EPC systems in operation worldwide. So that in more than 100 countries the magic formula

for rapid BMW customer service will be: integrated information and automation technology from Siemens and Siemens Nixdorf.



Basel: No more speed limits for payment transactions at the Swiss Bank Corporation.

Payment transactions were grinding to a halt because of the millions of documents involved - transfer orders, cheques, direct debit orders - in spite of home banking, self service terminals and other alternative routes. The Swiss Banking Corporation (SBC), the third largest financial institution in Switzerland, decided it was time to tackle the problem - with a state-of-the-art solution from Siemens Nixdorf as prime contractor and system integrator. Siemens Nixdorf worked with Bernard Schiffer GmbH to give SBC a document-based automatic payment transaction system, interbank and in dealings with the Post Office. Siemens Nixdorf installed, integrated and networked RM600 computers, PCs, scanners and form readers for the state-of-the-art Open Imaging Processing System (OIPS) - digital document processing. And now there's no speed limit for payment transactions - the documents are scanned and digitalized using the OCR system, and the data is forwarded to the UNIX computers for processing and archiving. The information can be called up from each workstation in the client-server architecture, and further processed by special programs, with total reliability according to the "zero error" principle. The result? Efficiency gains of 50% and investment protection into the future, thanks to the flexible and open-ended nature of the solution. Less paper, less input in processing and archiving documents - that's how the Open Imaging Processing System from Siemens Nixdorf helps the Swiss Bank Corporation to enhance its payment transaction processing operations.



London: British Ministry of Agriculture opts for RM computers and no longer stands alone.

The British Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) has adopted RM computers as the center and cornerstone of an all-new client-server architecture, doing away with its former island solution. Under its multi-million major contract with MAFF, Siemens Nixdorf has linked previously isolated hardware and software systems from different manufacturers and networked these with 4,000 Siemens Nixdorf PCs and 40 RM600 UNIX servers, to create a state-of-the-art multivendor environment with a client-server architecture incorporating the best systems from Siemens Nixdorf and other suppliers. From today's 4,000 workstations at Head Office and in the regions, the solution is to be progressively expanded connecting MAFF with all its district offices. Communications run via a wide area network (WAN), accessible to all computers via open X.400 and X.500 interfaces. The network can be used, for example, to send E-mail messages from Head Office to remote locations, thanks to a user interface, which provides a standard presentation for all the different programs, from word processing through to document production and management. The combined power of these computers,

led by the RM systems satisfies MAFF's current data requirements, in relation to agricultural support in line with EC policies.

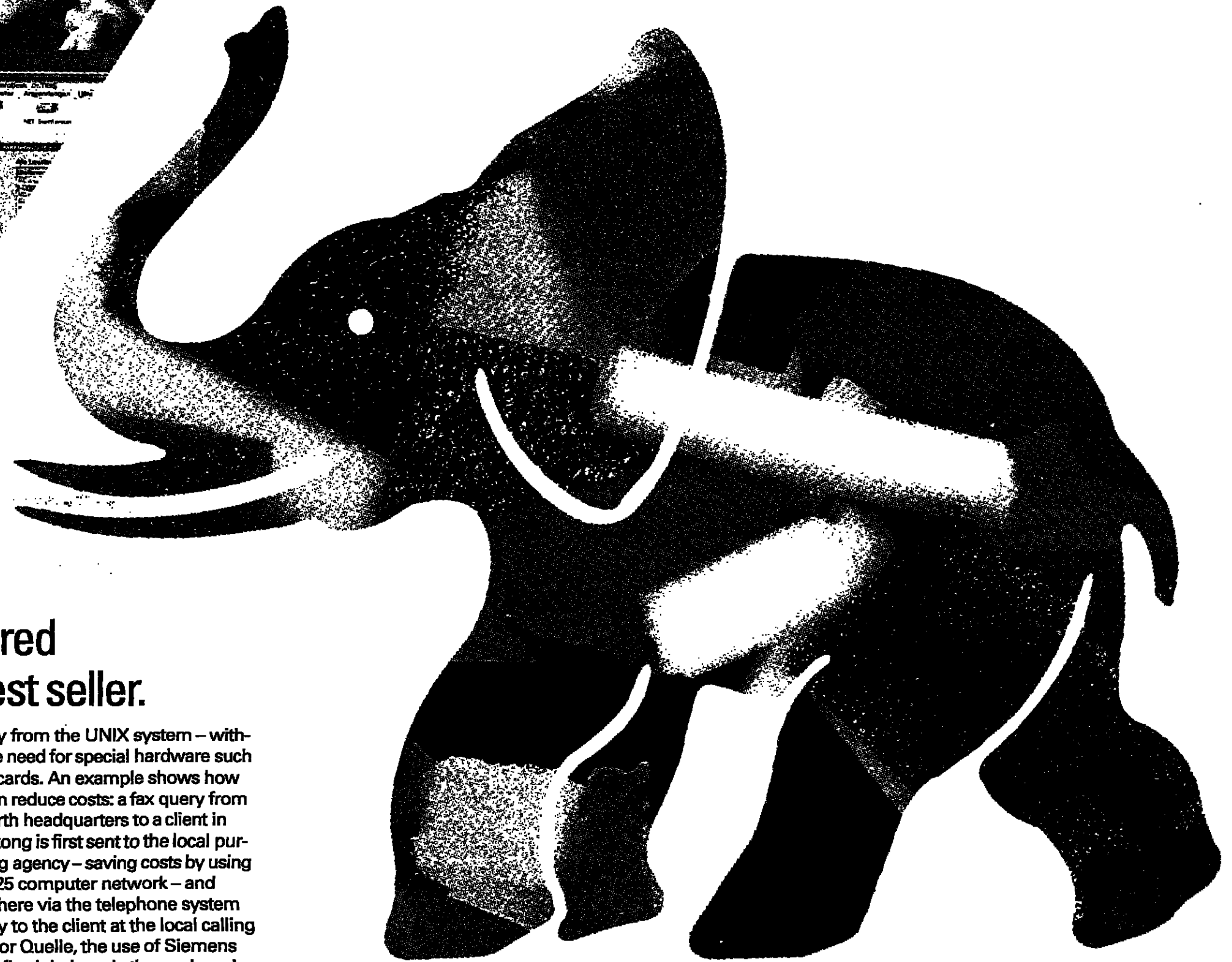
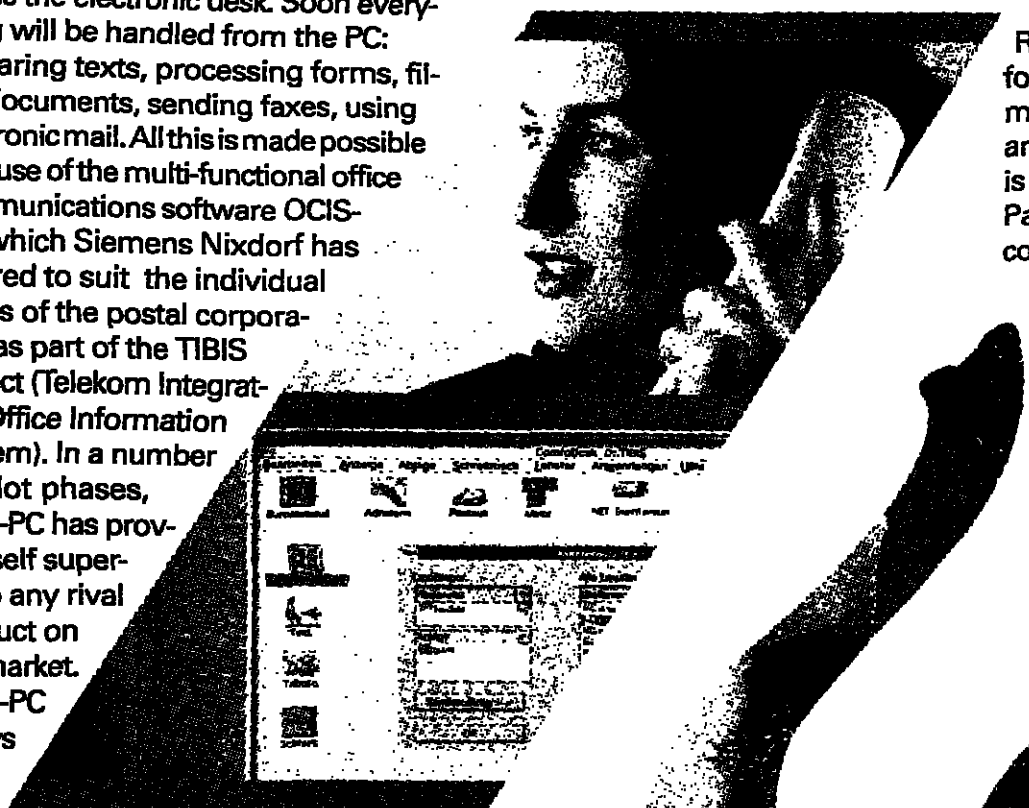


Bonn: Telekom now communicating with Siemens Nixdorf "OfficeWorld".

Now that Telekom has been reorganized as a private company, its office organization is also being completely restructured. Paper mountains and cumbersome card indexes will soon be a thing of the past. The trend is towards the electronic desk. Soon everything will be handled from the PC: preparing texts, processing forms, filing documents, sending faxes, using electronic mail. All this is made possible because of the multi-functional office communications software OCIS-PC, which Siemens Nixdorf has tailored to suit the individual needs of the postal corporation as part of the TIBIS project (Telekom Integrating Office Information System). In a number of pilot phases, OCIS-PC has proven itself superior to any rival product on the market. OCIS-PC allows all

client PCs at the 176 Telekom sites to access the central services of currently just under 180 RM600 servers. As database and applications servers using such applications as centralized filing, electronic mail and address management, the RM systems are continuously on call for every PC. To enhance inter-departmental communication from PC to PC and from PC to RM server, Telekom is also considering introducing WorkParty, the workgroup solution for comprehensive workflow management

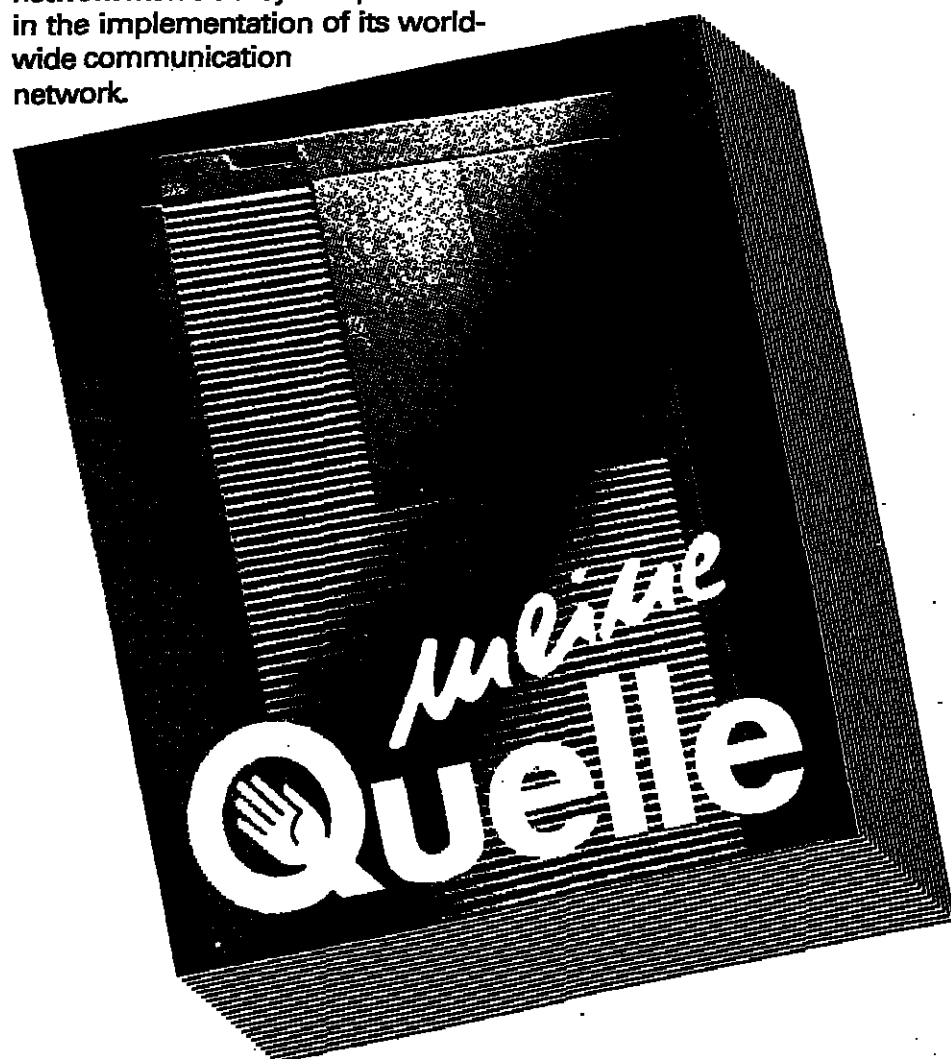
right across the organization. Like OCIS-PC and other Telekom programs, WorkParty runs under ComfoDesk, the standard user interface. By the year 2000, more than 100,000 workstations at 176 sites are to be equipped with OCIS-PC and networked. When it has been extended with innovative applications such as computer-assisted telephone calls, and management information and workflow monitoring systems, Siemens Nixdorf's OfficeWorld solution will be not only one of the biggest but also one of the most advanced in the world.



Fürth: Quelle has ordered the European UNIX best seller.

The biggest European mail-order company has discovered the ideal source for global communication: Quelle is now doing business with the largest European computer company, with the aim of implementing MAC, the international "Merchandising and Communication" network. What's the reason behind this decision? Quelle imports approx. 45% of its 55,000-item product range from foreign countries. There are 27 purchasing agencies from Portugal to Japan, from China to Indonesia, and all of them have to be in touch with the headquarters in Fürth, communicating, consulting on decision-making and receiving instructions. The aim of MAC is to reduce communication costs through modern data transfer and to harmonize all merchandising procedures worldwide. The intention is also to create a standard management tool by integrating all purchasing agencies into a global procurement system. To achieve this goal, the MAC network has been undergoing constant improvement and expansion since 1992 – from document processing to electronic mail transfer. All information, ranging from offers to order confirmations, can be sent to each purchasing agency. There, it is reconciled and harmonized with the main office in Fürth at the push of a button via the international infonet. Using the MAC network, Quelle can also distribute faxes

directly from the UNIX system – without the need for special hardware such as fax cards. An example shows how this can reduce costs: a fax query from the Fürth headquarters to a client in Hongkong is first sent to the local purchasing agency – saving costs by using the X.25 computer network – and from there via the telephone system directly to the client at the local calling rate. For Quelle, the use of Siemens Nixdorf's global marketing and service network marks a major step ahead in the implementation of its worldwide communication network.



Memmingen: Metzeler Schaum gears up for lean management with R/3 LIVE.

Extreme pressure on costs and prices, customer orders for smaller and smaller quantities, with increasingly rigorous quality requirements in ever shorter delivery times – these are the challenges faced by Metzeler Schaum, along with many other companies. Metzeler is restructuring its operation according to the lean management principle, to make the company faster and more flexible, and to increase profitability. This inevitably demanded new EDP systems with greater flexibility as the backbone of a more efficient organizational structure. And it was Siemens Nixdorf that got the contract, to implement the R/3 LIVE concept. This was because the R/3 LIVE concept enables Metzeler to meet another of its requirements – long-term cooperation with a reliable partner. The goal at the company's plant in Memmingen, which manufactures moulded and block foam-rubber, for vehicles and

furniture, for example, was to progressively replace the old system with a flexible client-server architecture and a fast network. Standard software specifically designed for medium-sized businesses was installed, meeting at least 80% of all requirements and providing easy and convenient data query facilities. EDP and specialized staff from Metzeler worked in close cooperation with Siemens Nixdorf specialists. The central priority was to redesign the company's business processes, focusing mainly on core business. The result is a powerful, flexible systems architecture consisting of a host holding all Metzeler's customer data, an RM600 computer acting as the server for the R/3 modules – accounting, stock management, sales and distribution, PPC and human resources – and Siemens Nixdorf PCs, taking office communications right into the workplace. The old system is scheduled to finally shut down at the end of 1995.

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Rotterdam: Thyssen De Reus brings COMET into the open environment

Thyssen De Reus B.V. (Netherlands), an international company which also has factories in Germany, England and Belgium develops, produces, installs and services elevators. Besides the manufacture of elevators for personnel and special elevators, it specializes in the manufacture of elevators and stairlifts for disabled and elderly people. Thyssen De Reus has committed itself to the latest distributed information processing via client-server technology for development. Siemens Nixdorf was commissioned to make the progressive transition from the old system to the new, by porting the COMET software library to an RM600 UNIX system, complete with all modules. This was the ideal transition solution – the investment in COMET software is protected, until the final transition to the latest client-server software is completed. In the meantime, Thyssen De Reus staff can continue to

work on the tried and tested COMET system they know so well. But it was never this efficient. The addition of RM power and the processing speed of the UNIX operation system means that

the entire order processing operation is now considerably more efficient. The RM600 plays a very important role in the future automation network of Thyssen De Reus. To ensure the network can grow and expand, Thyssen De Reus Netherlands has complemented it with the service power and training of Siemens Nixdorf.



Johannesburg: Allianz uses RM power to enter the world of UNIX.

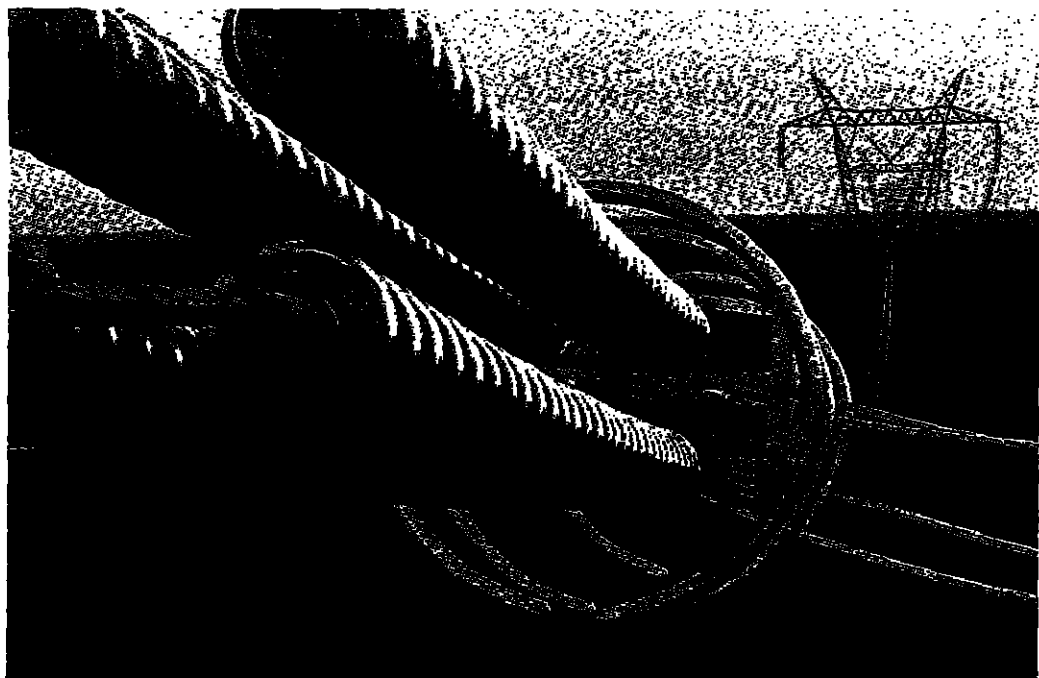
For Allianz South Africa, an alliance with Europe's No. 1 in UNIX multiuser systems was its best insurance policy for entry into the open systems environment. The insurance giant was planning to invest in new UNIX-based applications software, and was looking for the best hardware platform. It compared products from a range of manufacturers before arriving at the right solution: a multiprocessor RM600 was to replace the previous system based on proprietary computer architecture. The Siemens Nixdorf UNIX system is on the network with all the PCs. The result? A fast client-server link, connecting all Allianz departments, with all the advantages of an open and totally expandable system. From today's 250 concurrent workstations, with comprehensive file, print, application and communications services provided by the RM600, the system capacity can

be increased to several thousand workstations. To do this, Allianz merely has to add memory or processor to arrive at the next RM computer category. The operating system is the base for new UNIX applications UniVerse and InsSure from software produced BCS, for all its core business. Allianz is also insured against the need for further staff training in the future, since Siemens Nixdorf has already turned Allianz employees into experts in working with open systems. And just in case a problem does arise, the Siemens Nixdorf service package also includes ongoing support, with Tele-service, for example, providing problem solutions between one computer and another. Allianz Manager Richard Roos is very happy with the way things have gone. "With RM600 and Siemens Nixdorf as our partner, our transition to the world of open systems has been extremely successful".

Bocholt: BEW exploits new sources of energy—from R/3 LIVE to SICAD.

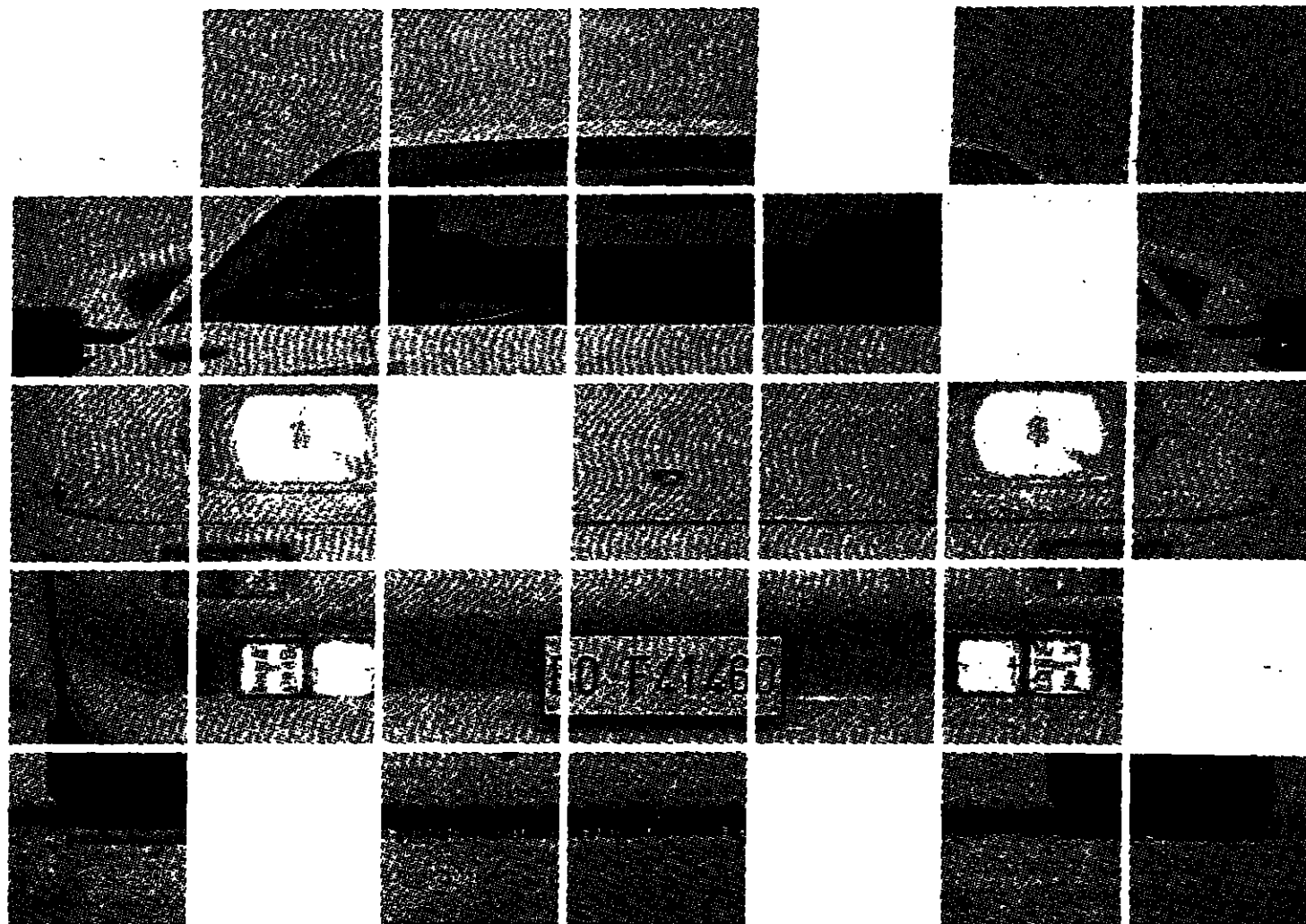
Siemens Nixdorf is putting energy into a completely new IT organization for BEW; the Bocholt power and water supply company—a project which must be completed by 1998. With 70,000 subscribers, BEW is the largest energy supplier in West Münsterland

in terms of hardware and software. The solution consists of a range of software packages, such as R/3 LIVE, the complete business management solution custom-made by Siemens Nixdorf for the power industry's specific requirements—from order entry to accounting. In addition, SICAD and



(Germany). A BS2000-client for many years, BEW now plans to install state-of-the-art standard applications and move over to an open client-server architecture. This is a very ambitious project requiring all the expertise of Siemens Nixdorf as a system integrator and developer of sector-specific applications for the power industry. The challenge is to combine RISC multiuser systems, workstations and PCs into a sophisticated client-server environment for distributed processing,

SINCAL, Siemens Nixdorf's software applications for the power industry, support BEW with sewer documentation, calculations, analysis and planning functions for networks. 1997 will mark the arrival of the OCIS office solution, turning workstations into electronic desks, and the ARCIS archive system, which can reduce mountains of files to CD format. Once the project is completed in 1998, BEW will have in place its IT organization for the 21st century.



Vienna: Magna, component supplier for the car industry, gives the green light for RM investments.

The Canadian car parts supplier Magna gives priority to new RM computers: five RM600 UNIX systems are to replace Quattro computers for COMET data processing. One computer has been installed at each of the European Magna branches in Weiz in Austria, Heiligenstadt, Prague, and two at the Salzgitter branch. Together with 120 PCs and 40 terminals, they act as a boost to the COMET client-server-operation, from financial accounting and wages and salaries, to time management. Also integrated in the solution is special trade software with the FORS supplier package for all tasks from order entry to statistics—with data communication links to the automotive industry available for order processing. Thanks to CROSS BASIC, Magna can continue to rely on COMET. CROSS BASIC is the

migration tool that facilitates the seamless transfer of the business software library from legacy to open systems—without interruptions, restrictions or waiting-time for the user. At the same time, productivity is increased by as much as 20%, thanks to the latest UNIX computer technology. Today, for the largest independent supplier to the car industry, it's business as usual with COMET. And without a hitch. But thanks to RM, the operation is faster and more efficient, with unlimited power and connectivity.

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MARKET DIARY

Blue Chips Steady
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NEW YORK — U.S. stocks ended Tuesday little changed as rallies in bank issues, Walt Disney and Philip Morris outweighed lower prices for oil, drug and technology shares.

The Dow Jones industrial average, after hovering in a narrow

range through the session, slipped 3.03 points to 3,715.34.

The market was underpinned by the biggest gains in a week in the Treasury bond market after new economic data suggested brisk economic growth had not caused inflation to accelerate.

Advancing stocks outpaced decliners by 6 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume climbed to 307.1 million shares from 285.74 million on Monday.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 23/32 point, to 95 29/32, causing the yield to slip to 7.85 percent from 7.92 percent Monday, after a producer price report eased concern that inflation would accelerate and further force up rates.

Wholesale prices paid to factories, farmers and other producers rose 0.5 percent in November, matching expectations,

while the rate excluding food and energy rose 0.1 percent, lower than economists' forecasts of 0.5 percent.

Disney climbed 1 1/4 to 43 1/4 after the film studio and theme-park operator reported surging Christmas video sales, while Philip Morris rose 1 1/4 to 57 1/4 amid investors' doubts that the latest class-action lawsuit against cigarette companies would succeed.

Bank stocks, which peaked in mid-June and then fell as much as 20 percent amid concern that earnings will slow, may continue to rebound, analysts said.

Bankers Trust rose 1 1/4 to 58 1/4, First Chicago climbed 1 1/4 to 46 1/4, Nationsbank rose 1 to 46 1/4 and First Fidelity Bank climbed 1 1/4 to 45 1/4.

U.S. Bioscience collapsed 4 1/4 to 2 after authorities voted not to recommend its chemotherapy treatment.

Electric utilities, also sensitive to moves in rates, extended a three-week-long advance. Duke Power climbed 1/4 to 41 1/4 and Northern States was 1/4 higher at 46 1/4.

General Electric added to recent gains, climbing 1/4 to 47 1/4, after the company voiced confidence about its earnings.

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FRANC: Pulled Down by Politics

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destroyed the European exchange-rate mechanism.

Political uncertainty leading up to the elections has weakened French assets since the beginning of November, analysts said, and politics will continue to effect trading until the election.

Mr. Delors' decision has

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thrown open the field for new rightist candidates now that a united front against the Socialists, deprived of a credible candidate, is no longer seen as necessary.

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Dollar Ends Mixed

The dollar closed mixed in trading in New York on Tuesday. It slipped against the Deutsche mark as investors bought marks as a haven from political turmoil in Italy and France, news agencies reported.

The Italian lire tumbled to an all-time low against the mark as Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was questioned for seven

hours by officials investigating him on corruption charges.

"People really wanted marks today because of political problems in Italy and France," said Jim Raphael, a trader at NatWest USA Bancorp.

The dollar often suffers when investors sell lire or francs for marks because traders often buy dollars for lire and francs and then sell those dollars for marks.

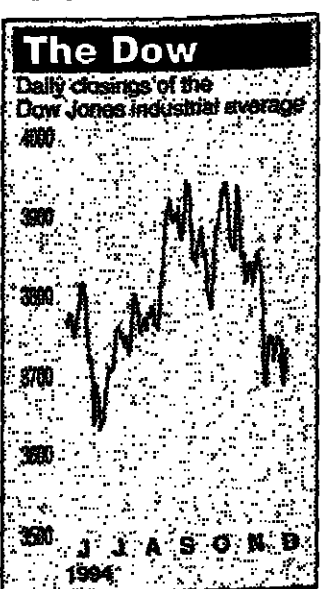
The dollar slipped to 1.5729 DM from 1.5733 DM at the close on Monday. It rose to 5.4180 French francs from 5.4080 francs.

Economic reports from the Commerce and Labor departments that pointed to higher retail sales and producer prices helped support the dollar.

The dollar rose to 100.285 yen from 99.985 yen. It eased to 1.3303 Swiss francs from 1.3335 francs.

"The numbers were strong enough to get the Fed to raise rates again," said Paul Farrell, manager of strategic currency trading at Chase Manhattan Bank.

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NYSE Most Actives

Vol.	High	Low	30m	Chg.
IBM	77.00	76.00	76.50	+0.50
Microsoft	68.00	67.00	67.50	+0.50
Apple	55.00	54.00	54.50	+0.50
Oracle	45.00	44.00	44.50	+0.50
Novell	35.00	34.00	34.50	+0.50
Lotus	25.00	24.00	24.50	+0.50
Intuit	15.00	14.00	14.50	+0.50
Parsons	10.00	9.00	9.50	+0.50
Boeing	8.00	7.00	7.50	+0.50
General Electric	7.00	6.00	6.50	+0.50

NASDAQ Most Actives

Vol.	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Intel	24.00	23.00	23.50	+0.50
Northern Telecom	22.00	21.00	21.50	+0.50
WorldCom	20.00	19.00	19.50	+0.50
Verizon	18.00	17.00	17.50	+0.50
Qwest	16.00	15.00	15.50	+0.50
Sprint	14.00	13.00	13.50	+0.50
AT&T	12.00	11.00	11.50	+0.50
Time Warner	10.00	9.00	9.50	+0.50
Home Depot	8.00	7.00	7.50	+0.50
Wal-Mart	7.00	6.00	6.50	+0.50

AMEX Most Actives

Vol.	High	Low	30m	Chg.
US Steel	45.00	44.00	44.50	+0.50
Alcoa	35.00	34.00	34.50	+0.50
Johnson & Johnson	25.00	24.00	24.50	+0.50
Pfizer	15.00	14.00	14.50	+0.50
Merck	10.00	9.00	9.50	+0.50
Amgen	8.00	7.00	7.50	+0.50
Novartis	7.00	6.00	6.50	+0.50
Roche	6.00	5.00	5.50	+0.50
Schering-Plough	5.00	4.00	4.50	+0.50
Glaxo	4.00	3.00	3.50	+0.50

Market Sales

Nasdaq	235.89	240.89
in millions.		

AT&T Recons

Bloomberg Business News
PARIS — AT&T Corp. may

AT&T Reconsiders Taking a Stake in France's Bull

Bloomberg Business News

PARIS — AT&T Corp. may not, after all, buy a stake in Groupe Bull, France's state-controlled computer company.

Last month, in a surprise announcement, it said it was considering doing so.

"We had considered an interest that was centered on telecom," said an AT&T spokeswoman in Brussels. But "the market-access conditions" for

Dow Jones Averages

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	3715.4	3727.4	3715.3	+4.02
Trans	1250.1	1257.1	1250.1	+3.82
Comp	1232.0	1233.0	1232.0	+3.54

Standard & Poor's Indexes

	Previous			Total
	High	Low	Close	4:00
Industrials	523.48	528.71	523.45	526.15
Financials	338.16	335.29	336.40	336.40
Utilities	151.62	150.54	151.62	152.25
Finance	40.74	40.38	40.74	41.00
P 500	419.48	415.62	419.47	420.00
P 100	419.60	415.64	419.55	419.55

NYSE Indexes

	High	Low	3pm	Chg.
Composite	246.35	245.20	246.27	+1.01
Industrials	310.20	309.12	310.13	+0.92
Transp.	213.97	213.07	213.52	+0.55
Utility	201.62	200.45	201.43	+0.78
Finance	193.49	191.57	193.48	+1.91

NASDAQ Indexes

	High	Low	30m	Chg
Composite	720.38	718.42	719.31	+0.19
Industrials	721.98	719.76	720.71	+0.19
Banks	680.93	678.10	680.93	+2.19
Insurance	885.67	883.11	885.67	+2.19
Finance	838.13	832.26	837.71	+3.19
Retire.	623.85	620.90	621.71	+0.19

AMEX Stock Index

High	Low	3PM	Chg.
421.69	419.94	420.17	-0.4

Dow Jones Bond Averages

Not available at press time			
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NYSE Diary

Adv.	Decl.	Unch.	Net
1,112	1,112	1,112	0
1,112	1,112	1,112	0
1,112	1,112	1,112	0

AMEX Diary

Adv.	Decl.	Unch.	Net
1,112	1,112	1,112	0
1,112	1,112	1,112	0
1,112	1,112	1,112	0

NASDAQ Diary

Adv.	Decl.	Unch.	Net
1,112	1,112	1,112	0
1,112	1,112	1,112	0
1,112	1,112	1,112	0

Spot Commodities

Commodity	Today	Prev.	Chg.
Aluminum	1.05	1.05	0.00
Steel	1.05	1.05	0.00
Oil	1.05	1.05	0.00

Industrials

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EUROPEAN FUTURES

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

Metals

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Aluminum	1.05	1.05	1.05	0.00
Steel	1.05	1.05	1.05	0.00
Oil	1.05	1.05	1.05	0.00

Stocks

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

Financial

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH STERLING (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH EURO (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH POUND (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH DOLLAR (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH YEN (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH SWISS (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH JAPANESE (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH AUSTRALIAN (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH NEW ZEALAND (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH SINGAPORE (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH HONG KONG (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH TAIWAN (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH SOUTH AFRICA (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH BRAZIL (LIPF)

Open	High	Low	30m	Chg.
Indus	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Trans	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00
Comp	14.0	14.0	14.0	+0.00

3-MONTH ARGENTINA (LIPF)

Est. sales 26,000	Mon's sales 40,578				
Mon's open int 246,125	up 1903				
SOYBEANS (CBOT) 5,000 bu minimum—candle					
7.04	5.37 1/4 Jan 95	5.65	5.66 1/4	5.62 1/4	
7.05	5.47 1/4 Mar 95	5.74 1/2	5.76 1/4	5.77 1/4	
7.05 1/2	5.56	May 95	5.84	5.85	5.81
7.06 1/2	5.63 1/2	Jul 95	5.87 1/2	5.89 1/4	5.86

Overseas Business Lifts Profit At Degussa

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
FRANKFURT — Degussa AG, the German chemicals and metals company, said Tuesday that its fourth-quarter profit surged 84.3 percent, contributing to a pretax profit gain of 63 percent for its full financial year.

Profit before tax in the year ended Sept. 30 rose to 280 million Deutsche marks (\$178 million). The company did not release results for the fourth quarter but only gave the comparison with the year-earlier quarter.

The company said it would propose to the supervisory board a dividend increase to 10 DM a share from 7 DM for the previous year.

"The positive impulses for our business originated mainly in North America, Asia and a number of European countries," Degussa said. "Only recently have we noticed a slight recovery in domestic demand."

Sales declined 7 percent in the 1994 financial year, to 13.8 billion DM, as a result of divestitures. Sales from continuing operations rose 4 percent.

Separately, MAN AG, the diversified German machinery and truck manufacturer, said new orders rose 16 percent, to 8.44 billion DM, in the first five months of its financial year, which began on July 1. Growth in domestic orders outpaced demand from abroad.

Dismissed Oslo Bourse Chief Drowns

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

OSLO — The director of the Oslo Stock Exchange was found drowned early Tuesday in an apparent suicide, the day after he was dismissed from his job because of alleged financial irregularities.

Erik Jarve, 50, who was the public face of the bourse for almost two decades until his sudden dismissal, drowned in a fjord near his summer house in Telemark province, a police statement said. The police had been sent to the isolated house by family members, who feared something might have happened to him.

"There is no suspicion of any criminal act," a Telemark police spokesman said, indicating that the police suspected suicide. "Nobody else was involved."

The Oslo bourse board, in a terse statement, praised the work of Mr. Jarve, whom it had dismissed on Monday for allegedly mixing his "private economy and the economy of the bourse."

The board said Monday that the alleged irregularities had primarily taken place this year and were uncovered last week. On Tuesday, Elisabeth Wille, the head of the stock exchange, said that Mr. Jarve had pocketed 275,000 kroner (\$40,000) on a contract for a new trading system and that, in addition, illegal withdrawals from bourse profits totaling 50,000 kroner had been discovered.

"It was not the sum that was decisive," she said, but a lack of trust that had caused his dismissal.

Traders held a ceremony of remembrance for Mr. Jarve, who administered the electronic modernization of the Oslo exchange to international standards.

The case was the latest of a series of scandals to shake Norway's closely knit financial community and it involved the man bent on cracking down on insider trading and other irregularities.

The most important task for the bourse in the days ahead," Mr. Jarve wrote in a newspaper article in April 1993.

In the bourse's annual report last year, he said complying with ethical rules was vital in the securities market. "Ethics is the teaching of the good, the moral. Ethics must be taught," he wrote.

The daily Finansavisen, commenting on Mr. Jarve's dismissal in an editorial headlined "Oslo Bourse Banana Republic," said this case, coming after recent financial scandals, threatened to ruin the image of the bourse.

"It remains to be seen if foreign investors in Norway opt to sell and instead invest in markets in which they have greater confidence," it wrote.

Mr. Jarve, who is survived by a wife and two children, was appointed to head the exchange in 1977 at 33 years of age, the youngest ever to hold that job.

(Reuters, AFP)

Santander Sells 3% Of Banesto

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MADRID — Banco Santander SA said Tuesday it had sold a 3 percent stake in Banco Espanol de Credito SA to a group of Mexican investors for about 15.6 billion pesetas (\$118 million). The bank added that it was looking to sell more Banesto assets.

A spokesman for Banco Santander said the group, led by Antonino Fernandez, the chairman of the Mexican beer company Grupo Modelo, acquired about 18.3 million shares at 850 pesetas a share in an operation carried out off the main market. Banesto shares closed at 950 pesetas on the Madrid bourse.

The sale brings Santander's stake in Banesto down to 53 percent. Santander acquired 72.45 percent of Banesto at 762 pesetas per share in an auction in April.

Mexican, a parliamentary committee found Banesto's former managers solely responsible for the financial crisis that almost led to the bank's collapse.

The committee, made up of members of Spain's principal political parties, issued its final report Tuesday on the nine-month investigation.

In the report, the committee accuses Mario Conde, the bank's former president, of putting his personal interests before those of the bank. Mr. Conde was formally charged with fraud last month in connection with the bank's crisis.

(Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg)

Investor's Europe

Frankfurt DAX	London FTSE 100 Index	Paris CAC 40
2300	3300	2200
2200	3200	2100
2100	3100	2000
2000	3000	1900
1900	2900	1800
1800	2800	1700
1700	2700	1600
1600	2600	1500
1500	2500	1400
1400	2400	1300
1300	2300	1200
1200	2200	1100
1100	2100	1000
1000	2000	900
900	1900	800
800	1800	700
700	1700	600
600	1600	500
500	1500	400
400	1400	300
300	1300	200
200	1200	100
100	1100	0

Sources: Reuters, AFP

Deutsche Aerospace Wins Rare U.S. Plane Order

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MUNICH — Deutsche Aerospace AG, a subsidiary of Daimler-Benz AG, said Tuesday that a U.S. airline had ordered 40 of its turboprop commuter planes.

Jetstream International Airlines, a regional subsidiary of USAir Inc. based in Dayton, Ohio, ordered the twin-engine Dornier-328 planes.

The order comes at a crucial time for the Deutsche Aerospace, which is in the process of slashing 16,000 jobs because of poor sales.

"This is an excellent success," said Juergen Schrempf, chairman of Deutsche Aerospace. "We've finally succeeded

in a breakthrough in the fiercely competitive aircraft market in the U.S."

The German aerospace industry as a whole has seen annual revenue drop by 40 percent since 1991, Hans Eberhard Birke, the chairman of the country's aerospace trade association, said Tuesday.

The companies did not disclose the terms of the purchase, but at the airplane's list price of 14.1 million Deutsche marks (\$9 million), the order would be worth 564 million DM.

Jetstream is the second big U.S. purchaser of the plane. Horizon Air of Seattle recently placed 20 firm orders and 40 options.

The aircraft seats 33 passengers and Deutsche Aerospace calls it the fastest turboprop plane in its class.

Total orders for the Dornier-328, which DASA only began producing in the past few years, now stand at 72 firm orders and 71 options from a total of 16 customers, DASA said.

Separately, Airbus Industrie announced the creation of Airbus Finance Co., a partnership that the company said would finance \$3.5 billion to \$5 billion in sales over the next five years.

The company is backed by a \$1.5 billion letter of credit signed by 49 international banks led by J.P. Morgan & Co. Airbus Industrie is a consor-

tium that includes Aerospatiale of France, British Aerospace PLC, Construcciones Aeronauticas SA of Spain, as well as Deutsche Aerospace.

(AP, Bloomberg)

Fokker Forecasts Loss

Fokker NV, the Dutch aircraft maker that is majority-owned by Deutsche Aerospace, said it expected its 1994 net loss to approach 460 million guilders (\$261 million), the same figure it posted last year, Bloomberg Business News reported from Amsterdam.

Fokker said it did not expect to be profitable before 1996 because aircraft makers worldwide have been hit hard by the recession in the airline industry.

POWER: Apple and Bandai Form Alliance for Multi-Media Machine

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more than 100 titles over the next year.

While Bandai's popular Power Ranger action characters will help, the machine's success or failure may hinge on its ability to play, with only slight modifications, the pool of CD-ROM titles developed for Apple's Macintosh computers.

This will provide access to a large selection of educational, musical and reference titles. But users will have to buy keyboards, mice and other peripherals to use some of these titles, which would make the Power Player as expensive as low-end multimedia computers.

The machine will use Apple's new multi-media platform called Pippin. It comprises a simplified version of Apple's System 7.1.2 operating system and runs on the PowerPC 603 microprocessor developed by Apple, Motorola Inc. and International Business Machines Corp.

All titles written for Pippin also will run on Apple's Macin-

tosh computers, giving software developers a bigger market, and thus more incentive, to write for their product.

Expanding the number of programs may be the biggest benefit for Apple. Apple announced in September a formal campaign to license its core operating system and elements of its PowerPC architecture to competitors.

The company hopes this strategy will broaden the supply of software for its computers, which are losing market share

to machines that use Intel chips and run Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system.

By licensing Pippin, it will stimulate development of game software, the fastest-growing segment of the industry.

Apple executives refused to estimate how quickly they could license Pippin to other companies, nor how big a business it would eventually become. They said only that they were in talks with other potential Japanese licensees.

3DO: High Hopes for Christmas

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Mr. Hawkins's company, have cooled.

Stock in 3DO was trading at \$11.00, up 25 cents Tuesday afternoon, far from the \$47.00 peak it hit in October 1993.

On Monday, Mr. Hawkins warned a group of financial analysts that the company would run through its modest \$21 million cash cushion in about seven months unless a runaway consumer hit or two replenishes its coffers.

"We're nervous," said Keith Benjamin, a consumer electronics analyst at Robertson Stephens & Co. in San Francisco. "The stock is a binary event. Either it will be worth a lot, or it will be worth nothing."

At least 200 video-game makers before 3DO have vanished without a trace, and the skepticism would probably be worse were it not for Mr. Hawkins's elder-statesman status in high-tech circles.

Mr. Hawkins realized that he had to line up the many software developers who resented having to pay Japanese game companies as much as \$9 to \$12 in licensing fees for every game they sold.

He signed developers by charging a far more reasonable \$3 a game.

The pitch was so attractive, software developers signed on in droves, and giant American and Japanese conglomerates from AT&T Corp. and Time Warner Inc. to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. invested millions in his company. Those

endorsements were noticed on Wall Street, and for a while last fall, mere months after the company went public, Mr. Hawkins seemed unstoppable.

Since then, he has stumbled. First, he angered software developers by setting up a competing game-development unit within 3DO, then he decided in October to double what the company charged software developers per game sold.

Doubling the licensing fee not only upset the software companies, but it sent the stock price tumbling more than 6 percent the day of the announcement. Mr. Hawkins has quietly rolled back the surcharge to \$1 for the rest of 1994, and deferred the full \$3 fee to a later date.

Though he has made some progress in recent months getting back on track, his struggle is a vivid reminder that a hot new technology start-up can quickly lose its edge if it markets products poorly or disappoints suppliers.

The business Trip Hawkins set out to conquer is potentially a vast one. Last year, for example, \$5 billion in software revenues from the video game business almost matched the \$5.2 billion that Americans spent at the movies. And Jefferies & Company, a Los Angeles based investment firm, predicted that hardware revenue would jump from \$1.9 billion this year to \$2.9 billion next year.

Mr. Hawkins has invested a total of \$15 million in the company.

U.K. Utility Plans Job Cuts

Agence France-Press

LONDON — The regional electricity company Southern Electric PLC will cut its work force by one quarter, eliminating 1,100 jobs over the next five years, the company said Tuesday as it reported a profit increase.

The company, which had already cut 1,069 jobs since March 1993, will be left with a work force of about 3,000. Continuing a trend for British utilities, it said pretax profits in the six months ending Sept. 30 had risen nearly 20 percent, to £106.8 million (\$167 million), from £89.2 million a year earlier. Sales slipped nearly 3 percent, to £744.8 million from £764.9 million, while the dividend was increased to 8.3 pence from 6.7 pence.

"With continuing economic recovery in our region, our drive to reduce costs and emphasis on quality service, we are confident of further growth in earnings for 1994-95," said the chairman, Geoffrey Wilson.

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NASDAQ

Tuesday's 4 p.m.
This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

12 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100s	High	Low	Latest	Chg
1.20	1.15	1.10	1.05	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80	0.75	0.70	0.65
0.60	0.55	0.50	0.45	0.40	0.35	0.30	0.25	0.20	0.15	0.10	0.05
0.05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

12 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100s	High	Low	Latest	Chg
1.10	1.05	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80	0.75	0.70	0.65	0.60	0.55
0.50	0.45	0.40	0.35	0.30	0.25	0.20	0.15	0.10	0.05	0.00	0.00
0.05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

12 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100s	High	Low	Latest	Chg
1.10	1.05	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80	0.75	0.70	0.65	0.60	0.55
0.50	0.45	0.40	0.35	0.30	0.25	0.20	0.15	0.10	0.05	0.00	0.00
0.05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

12 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100s	High	Low	Latest	Chg
1.10	1.05	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80	0.75	0.70	0.65	0.60	0.55
0.50	0.45	0.40	0.35	0.30	0.25	0.20	0.15	0.10	0.05	0.00	0.00
0.05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

12 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100s	High	Low	Latest	Chg
1.10	1.05	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80	0.75	0.70	0.65	0.60	0.55
0.50	0.45	0.40	0.35	0.30	0.25	0.20	0.15	0.10	0.05	0.00	0.00
0.05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

12 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100s	High	Low	Latest	Chg
1.10	1.05	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80	0.75	0.70	0.65	0.60	0.55
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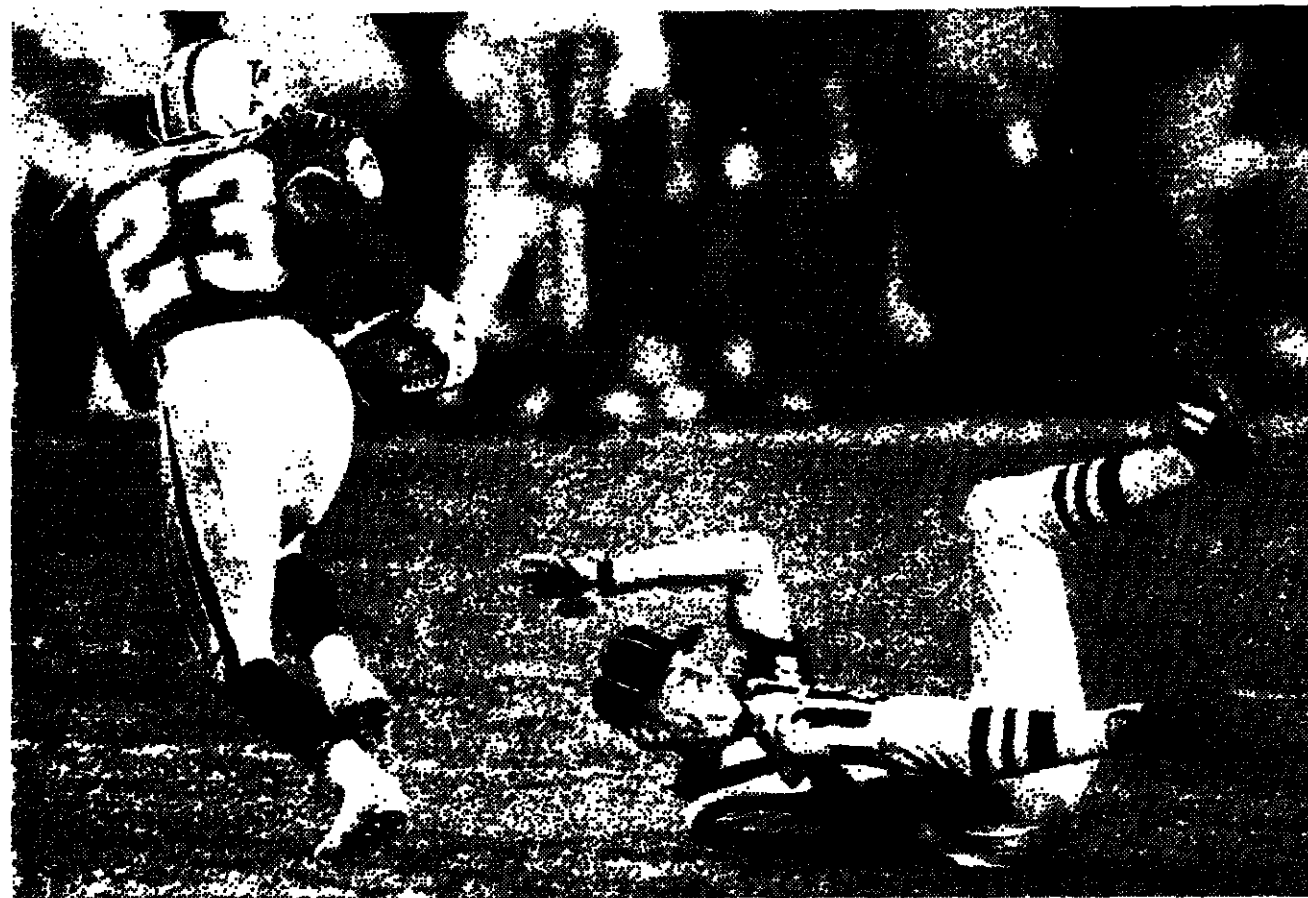
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Cornerback Troy Vincent knocked over an official as he was scoring on an interception; it flattened the Chiefs, too.

Nets Defeat Magic, by 27

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey — After playing like the National Basketball Association's best team for the first 13 games this season, the Orlando Magic were turned into mice by some unlikely wizard: the New Jersey Nets.

The Nets ended an eight-game losing streak against the Magic by shooting 61 percent in the first three quarters en route to a 128-101 rout Monday night.

Orlando came to the game with a league-best 15-3 record, a four-game winning streak and a run in which they had won 13 of 14. And all three losses were by two-point margins.

But the Nets succeeded where everyone else had failed. Derrick Coleman scored 22 points and almost everyone contributed toward New Jersey's first triumph over Orlando since March 4, 1993.

It was particularly horrible from the foul line. The Magic made 6 of 23 free throws, or 26.1 percent, the fourth lowest ever in an NBA game. Shaquille O'Neal was 2 of 11.

He also had just five rebounds in 33 minutes. Anfernee Hardaway had one assist.

"It was just one of those nights," said O'Neal, using the expression many times.

After a Long Night, Baseball Continues Toward High Noon

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

RYE BROOK, New York — The major league baseball players' "fundamentally" rejected the owners' latest contract offer Tuesday and didn't come back with a counterproposal, the Colorado Rockies' owner, Jerry McMorris, said.

Negotiations resumed talks at 11 A.M., about 10 hours after the sides recessed. They then met for two hours before the owners left the room and went back to their own caucus.

"They're meeting with the mediator now, deciding where we go next," McMorris said.

That followed an attempt to reach a negotiated settlement in the four-month-old labor dispute that turned out to be long and contentious.

In what a management official said was an often venomous meeting that went past midnight, the owners ultimately gave the players union an extension until mid-morning Tuesday to accept or reject their Sunday night tax proposal that the union continued to characterize in terms of a salary cap.

The owners, on Monday night, had given no hint that they would extend their implementation deadline. They are still scheduled to meet in Chicago on Thursday to declare a bargaining impasse and unilaterally impose the salary cap proposal made on June 14.

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Dolphins Down the Chiefs, 45-28, To Clinch a Berth in the Playoffs

By Charlie Nobles

New York Times Service

MIAMI — Don Shula is 1-0 coaching from a golf cart, and the Miami Dolphins are 9-5 and heading into the National Football League's playoffs.

The Dolphins, who had won just two of their last five games, scored three touchdowns during a six-minute span in the second half on Monday night to defeat the Kansas City Chiefs, 45-28, at Joe Robbie Stadium.

The victory clinched at least a wild-card berth for the Dolphins, who need to win only one of their final two games — at Indianapolis and at home to Detroit — to clinch the American Football Conference East Division.

The Chiefs (7-7), whose playoff hopes are fleeting, fell into a third-place tie with the Denver Broncos in the AFC West. They have lost four of their last five games and could miss the playoffs for the first time since 1989.

Shula, who sat in a golf cart and coached from the sideline after undergoing Achilles' tendon surgery last week, said, "There was some discomfort, but this may be the way to go after this game."

The Dolphins appeared to break open the game midway through the third quarter when they scored two touchdowns to end a 14-14 tie. The first score came when Dan Marino, of all people, rumbled into the end zone from 4 yards out. He rolled to his right, faked a pass, then beat two Kansas City defenders into the right corner.

It was his eighth rushing touchdown in the NFL, but the first since he returned this season from Achilles' tendon surgery.

Then came the most bizarre play of the game. With Kansas City at the 50-yard line, Steve Bono, playing for the injured Joe Montana, threw a pass that was intercepted by Miami safety Gene Atkins at the Miami 24. Atkins tipped up the sideline, then zigzagged his way to the middle of the field and the Miami 42-yard line. There, as he was being tackled, he lateraled the ball to a teammate, Troy Vincent. Vincent circled wide left and sprinted into the end zone to complete a 58-yard jaunt to make the score 28-14.

The Chiefs retaliated quickly, when Jon Vaughn took the ensuing kickoff and raced 91 yards to make the score 28-21. It was the first kickoff return for a touchdown against Miami since 1975 and the first for the Chiefs since 1987.

But Miami struck back in this explosive offensive show when it moved 75 yards in only 5 plays. Bernie Parmalee sprinted 47 yards for the touchdown with 36 seconds left in the third quarter, and it was 35-21.

In losing four of its last six games, Kansas City had averaged only 13.7 points.

Hopefuls Abound in Muddy NFL Playoff Picture

New York Times Service

Never in the history of the National Football League has the playoff picture been so muddy so late.

A week ago, 25 of the 28 teams remained in the playoff picture. Only the Washington Redskins, the Cincinnati Bengals and the Houston Oilers had been eliminated.

Now, with just two weeks left in the regular season, 22 teams are still in contention. The only casualties last weekend were the Los Angeles Rams, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Seattle Seahawks. The picture is so complicated that the Bucs and the Seahawks were knocked out even though they won.

Only two teams, the San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys, have clinched division titles and the playoff berths that accompany them. Only two others, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Cleveland Browns, have clinched at least a wild-card berth.

That leaves 18 teams fighting for eight berths. Every undecided division title can be settled this weekend. Here is a quick look, division by division:

NFC EAST: The Cowboys can clinch a first-round bye by beating or tying the New Orleans Saints on Monday night, or by the Minnesota Vikings' losing to or tying the Detroit Lions on Saturday.

NFC CENTRAL: The Vikings win the division by beating the Lions. Even if the Vikings lose, they can get a wild card with two of the following four results occurring: a Green Bay loss or tie to Atlanta; a Chicago loss to the Los Angeles Rams; an Arizona loss or tie to Cincinnati; a Philadelphia loss or tie to the New York Giants.

Chicago can clinch a playoff berth with a victory over Los Angeles and two of the following four results: a Philadelphia loss or tie to New York; a Detroit loss to Minnesota; a Green Bay loss or tie to Atlanta; an Arizona loss or tie to Cincinnati. Detroit gets a berth if it beats Minnesota and two of the following four results occur: a Chicago loss to Los Angeles; a Green Bay loss or tie to Atlanta; an Arizona loss or tie to Cincinnati; a Philadelphia loss or tie to the New York Giants.

AFC EAST: Miami, having clinched a playoff berth, can win the division title by beating Indianapolis, or if it ties the Colts and New England loses at Buffalo. New England can clinch a playoff berth if it beats Buffalo and Kansas City loses to Houston, or beats Buffalo and the Los Angeles Raiders lose in Seattle.

AFC CENTRAL: The Steelers can win the division Sunday by beating or tying the Browns, their only challenger.

AFC WEST: San Diego can win the division by beating the New York Jets on Sunday. Even if the Chargers lose, they can win the title if the Raiders lose in Seattle and Denver loses or is tied in San Francisco. The Raiders can get a playoff berth with a victory coupled with a Kansas City loss to Houston.

NHL's Owners Draw a Line — Probably, Maybe

By Joe Lapointe

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — On Day 73 of their labor lockout, the owners of the National Hockey League teams drew a line in the smoke.

Instead of setting a so-called drop-dead date for canceling their season if they don't get a new collective bargaining agreement with the Players Association, the league was vague — sort of suggesting a point of no return, probably sometime this month.

After a board of governors meeting in New York on Monday, Commissioner Gary Bettman announced that the al-

ready-damaged season would be scrapped if the teams can't play a 50-game schedule followed by four full rounds of playoffs that end by July 1.

The playoffs generally take about two months. That would mean May and June. Teams generally play 12 to 15 games per month during the regular season. That would mean they could probably play a 50-game schedule if they begin by Jan. 15.

Most people around hockey say a two-week training camp is necessary, so it is likely that a deal would be needed by Jan. 1.

But that's a best-case scenario. Other things could complicate this timetable. Building dates might not be available. The union might insist on an off-day formula to avoid overwork and too much travel in too little time. Several of the participants in Monday's meeting suggested that Dec. 25 is the more likely deadline.

No negotiations have been held since last Tuesday, when they broke off in Chicago after Bettman reintroduced his demand for a taxation on high payrolls. No new date has been set for talks, but it is expected that both sides will return to the bargaining table this week.

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Newt's Pal Warbucks

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — It's hard to see Little Orphan Annie. Oliver Warbucks has seen to that. First you have to find her agent. Then the agent says you have to see the lawyers. They're the best lawyers the Warbucks billions can afford. Absolute masters of inaction.

Luckily I had connections. Newt Gingrich, eager to bring back the orphanage way of life, went straight to Warbucks after I pointed out that publicity about Annie's fabulous career would be a shot in the arm for pro-orphanage legislation.

Lifting a powerful telephone, he said, "Get me Oliver Warbucks." It was done in an instant. "Daddy, baby!" cried the youthful but silver-haired speaker. Cupping a hand over the mouthpiece, Gingrich whispered, "It's all right to call him Daddy as long as you're getting the capital gains tax reduced."

Warbucks said send me over, and if his dogs didn't sniff any liberalism on me he'd speak to Annie on my behalf.

He was more genial than you'd expect. The election results had sweetened his mood. And not just because he anticipated big gravy from a forthcoming capital gains tax cut.

Last summer Punjab and the Asp had started annoying him with hints that they would like to retire if he could see his way clear to providing them with small pensions.

Since the California voting disclosed the depth of Americans' malice toward aliens, however, Warbucks has been tickled at how Punjab and the Asp have changed their tune.

Since the elections, both seem so eager to stay on his payroll that the great tycoon is thinking of cutting their salaries. Unless they take it with a snarl, he may even downsize by firing one of them so Warbucks Industries can compete more efficiently in the international marketplace.

Emboldened, I asked about several matters that have long troubled me:

• Yes, his wardrobe does indeed consist entirely of tuxedos. He owns several thousand. All are made in Asia by child labor in accord with his belief that people can never be too young to enjoy the fruits of the work ethic.

• The glittering jewel always worn in his shirt front is no longer a real diamond, but a \$25 zircon. Too many diamonds popped out and were gobbled off the floor with a loud "Arl!" by Sandy. When he accused Sandy of being in cahoots with a diamond thief, Annie became so angry that she smashed her Ovaltine shaker. To reduce tensions he switched to zircons.

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The Warbucks geniality faded, however, when I asked about the immigration status of Punjab and the Asp. Had they become naturalized citizens? Or had Warbucks's obvious hatred for government regulation and bureaucracy made the process too distasteful for him to endure?

Did they at least have green cards? If, in fact, Punjab and the Asp were still illegally in this country, how did he deal with the Social Security problems that had tripped so many of President Clinton's nominees?

I had pushed him too far. "Little Orphan Annie is too busy to see you for the next 10 years," he said. "This interview will be concluded after the following coded message is issued."

He read off a series of numbers, which I ran through my Orphan Annie secret-message decoder back at the office:

"Newt is right. Orphanages are the best places in the world for kids to be if they want a crack at being taken in by the world's Daddy Warbucks and raised like princesses and princes. Don't forget to drink your Ovaltine."

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Robert Altman's Surreal Glimpse of Fashion World

By Suzy Menkes
International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — With a wriggle, a wiggle and a giggle, Sophia Loren removes one silken stocking. Then the other. Right down to the still-luscious legs and voluptuous bosom, encased in a lacy corset. The audience at the premiere of Robert Altman's new movie naturally kept their eyes only on la Loren's lingerie.

For this was a fashion moment. Being there in the Ziegfeld Theatre on Monday meant unlocking the roman à clef of "Ready to Wear (Prêt-à-Porter)" — the movie Altman shot at the Paris shows. There in the audience was Sonia Rykiel, flame-haired with an enigmatic smile and the outline of a bra in sequins on her sweater. And up on the screen, Anouk Aimée, smoldering with sex appeal, playing a Famous Female Fashion Designer mourning the death of her lover.

Above all, there was a chance for this fashion editor to spot herself: just the briefest flash, a fashion micro-second. The editors in fashion's real world don't get much of a showing, in spite of all that effort jockeying for position in front of the cameras and nosing up to Kim Basinger, playing a roving TV reporter. Altman sure got her right as your typical fashion journalist: all lissome limbs, blond hair and bee-stung lips from which pours honeyed drivel.

And oh for the life of the Julia Roberts character! She plays a whimsical journalist, who rolls around in bed, quaffs champagne, never bothers with the shows and is never asked by her editor to turn in a story. Laptop computers, notebooks and pens do not feature in the film any more than scissors and pins.

The fashion world had expected a coruscating, sardonic take on fashion. What we got was pure farce. Enter the cross-dressing retailer with a penchant for sugar pink Chanel. Exit (into a closet) the fashion editor who offers a star photographer her body in return for an exclusive contract. Death by ham sandwich (was that a Jewish joke?) for the fashion executive with terrible taste in ties. The plot is as obscure as the ending is transparent — a parade of models in

the ultimate fashion show in which nobody wears anything at all.

"In the beginning we are nude, in the end we need nothing, fashion is what happens to you in between," was the message handed out as guests at the Roseland ballroom partied to disco music with a scarlet-clad (formerly known as) Prince.

"Ready to Wear" is totally surreal, with genuine fashion shows, events and people interspersed with caricatures. Altman seems to have missed the point: that fashion itself is surreal without all that cinematic effort. People slipping in dog's mess? Well, that's not half as devastating as someone dropping a felt pen on your new Prada shoes. Why mock up a fashion show in a Métro (been there, done that years ago) but fail to record on camera the moment at Jean-Paul Gaultier's show when the audience started choking on the fumes from the fake snow?

"I don't know what to say — it's a comedy, very droll. It's not a critique of fashion, it is a total fiction," said Gaultier, who made his entrance in a tiger-print jacket with Lauren Bacall.

"I was cut!" claimed Bacall. "A lot of the scenes that made my character add up to more were gone." She plays a fashion editor ousted for a younger model (while Sally Kellerman and Tracey Ullman are competing for the favors of the photographer).

For fashion folks, the film just didn't come off — either as an extended skit, or as a bitchy or brutal dissection of the industry. Although Altman started the evening by telling the audience to "giggle and give in and enjoy it," the laughter came in trickles rather than torrents. Ironically, the most riveting bits of the movie were the polished excerpts from the real fashion shows.

Vivienne Westwood pronounced herself bemused. Nino Ceruti (who had costumed many of the characters) described it as "an amusing film," but wondered what a non-fashion audience would make of it. Most people did not think that Altman had done for fashion with "Ready to Wear" what he did to the U.S. Army in "M*A*S*H" or for Hollywood in "The Player."



At the premiere, clockwise from top left: Bacall and Gaultier, Altman, Basinger and Loren.

"The Player" had more story — this is a celebration — it's only because of the paranoia of fashion people that they thought it would be something else," claimed Altman.

"As a film, he has been able to catch aspects of fashion in a naive way — re-editing the shows as surreal, but not getting inside the heads," said Gianfranco Ferré, who sat next to Sophia Loren, her bosom heaving in a black lace Dior dress he had designed for her.

Loren said that the joy of the film for her was working again with Marcello Mastroianni (who falls asleep while she does her striptease). Many

people said that they found her caricature of haute couture elegance one of the gems of the movie. Kellerman, chic in a white Donna Karan pantsuit, said her best fun was being locked in a closet with Mastroianni. Karan praised the naked fashion show as the "ultimate fashion statement," while her daughter Gaby said that her mother was mad because she had for years harbored the same nude-show idea.

Like life imitating art, the party aped the movie, with Spanish actress Rosy de Palma (a couture assistant in the film) gyrating round the dance floor in a dress made out of a Spanish shawl worn with a garter belt. Drag

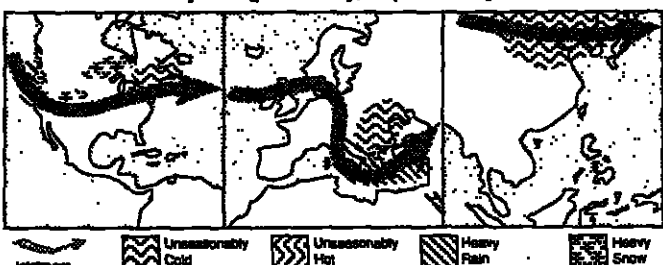
queens posed for the paparazzi and models posed for each other.

At the end, Rupert Everett, Anouk Aimée's son in the movie, wrapped himself into a Russian greatcoat to face the frosty Manhattan night. "I don't think the movie is really an in-depth microscopic view of the fashion industry," he said. "It's about using fashion motifs for a Feydeau-type farce about characters in a comedy of errors."

But in all the fun and frolics, the real emotion of fashion, the drama of creation, the orgasms of excitement, even the visual energy, seem to have hit the cutting room floor.

WEATHER

Forecast for Thursday through Saturday, as provided by Accu-Weather.



North America
Cold weather will persist in the Northeast through the end of this week. Snow or rain is possible Friday and Saturday in New York and Washington. Toronto and Chicago may have some snow Thursday into Friday. A few showers will dampen England, northern France and Germany. Spain will be dry and mild.

City	Today	High	Low	Tomorrow	High	Low	Day After	High	Low
Albuquerque	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64
Anchorage	6/42	-1/31	10/48	6/42	-1/31	10/48	6/42	-1/31	10/48
Atlanta	7/61	1/24	8/62	7/61	1/24	8/62	7/61	1/24	8/62
Baltimore	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64
Boston	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64
Buffalo	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64
Calgary	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64
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Yokohama	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64	17/62	9/48	18/64

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PEOPLE

GOOD and bad vibrations: The lead singer of the Beach Boys, Mike Love, will be some millions of dollars richer after a jury in Los Angeles found that he deserved to be credited on 35 songs and was owed past and future royalties. The jury also said that Brian Wilson, the band's co-founder, had failed to give Love 30 percent of a \$10 million settlement for the sale of the seminal '60s group's songs. After the trial, Love accused Wilson's advisers of taking advantage of the musician, who has long undergone treatment for psychiatric disorders.

The Duchess of York, who is visiting Portugal to support a local AIDS charity, says she's undergone three separate tests for the disease. The duchess, 35, who is separated from Prince Andrew, the second son of Queen Elizabeth II, told a Lisbon newspaper that she underwent AIDS tests before her marriage and before conceiving each of her two children. "People must be more open about the disease," Fergie said.

The movie director Steven Spielberg will be the guest of honor at the 20th



Fergie with an AIDS patient Tuesday.

edition of the annual César awards, the French equivalent of the Oscars, on Feb. 25. Alain Delon will preside over the ceremony.

Jyotiradiya Rao Scindia, scion of the former royal family of Gwalior, has mar-

ried Rajkumari Priyadarshi Raje, daughter of the former Maharajah of Baroda, in what has been called India's society wedding of the decade. Among those attending were Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, King Jigme Singye Wangchuk of Bhutan and Sonia Gandhi, the widow of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The dissident Vietnamese writer Duong Thu Huong was awarded the French Order of Arts and Letters for her work in fighting for human rights in her country. Culture Minister Jacques Toubon, who bestowed the honor, received a "lively" letter from Hanoi protesting the award, sources said.

Woody Allen flew into the Sicilian resort of Taormina on a private jet to film a scene in his latest film, but declined to talk about the project. The 59-year-old Allen was accompanied by his girlfriend Soon-Yi Previn, 23, the adopted daughter of his estranged wife, Mia Farrow. Olympia Dukakis and Helena Bonham Carter are acting in the scene. It was the first time that Allen has shot in Italy.

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